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THE SEASONS.

Dat Clemens *hyemem, dat* Petrus *ver cathedratus;*
Æstuat Urbanus, *autumnat* Bartholomæus.—*Lydiat.*

THE continual succession of SEASONS in the human life, by daily presenting to us new scenes, render it agreeable, and, like those of the year, afford us delights by their change, which the choicest of them could not give us by their continuance. In the *Spring* of life, the gilding of the sunshine, the verdure of the fields, and the variegated paintings of the sky, are so exquisite in the eyes of infants, at their first looking abroad into a new world, as nothing, perhaps, afterwards can equal: the heat and vigour of the succeeding *Summer* of youth ripens for us new pleasures, the blooming maid, the nightly revel, and the jovial chase: the serene *Autumn* of complete manhood feasts us with the golden harvest of our worldly pursuits; nor is the hoary *Winter* of old age destitute of its peculiar comforts and enjoyments, of which the recollection and relation of those past, are, perhaps, none of the least: and, at last, Death opens to us a new prospect, from whence we shall, probably, look back upon the diversions and occupations of this world, with the same contempt we do now upon our tops and hobbyhorses, and with the same surprise, that they could ever so much entertain or engage us.—*Jenyns.*

BEHIND the glowing wheels
Six jocund Seasons dance,
A radiant month in each quick-shifting hand;
Alternate they advance,
While buxom Nature feels
The grateful changes of the frolick band:
Each Month a constellation fair,
Knit in youthful wedlock, holds;
And o'er each bed a varied sun unfolds,
Lest one vast blaze our visual force impair,
A canopy of woven air.—*Sir Wm. Jones.*

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WINTER.

High on an Alp of ice he sits enthron'd!—Savage.

O WINTER, ruler of th' inverted year,
Thy scatter'd hair with sleet like ashes fill'd,
Thy breath congeal'd upon thy lips, thy cheeks
Friug'd with a beard made white with other snows
Than those of age, thy forehead wrapp'd in clouds,
A leafless branch thy sceptre, and thy throne
A sliding car, indebted to no wheels,
But urg'd by storms along it's slipp'ry way,
I crown thee king of intimate delights,
Fireside enjoyments, home-born happiness,
And all the comforts that the lowly roof
Of undisturb'd Retirement, and the hours
Of long uninterrupted ev'ning, know.—*Cowper*,

CAULD blew the bitter-biting north
Upon thy early humble birth;
Yet cheerfully thou glinted forth
Amid the storm,
Scarce rear'd above the parent earth
Thy tender form.
There, in thy scanty mantle clad,
Thy snawie bosom sunward spread,
Thou lifts' thy unassuming head.—*The Daisy*.—Burns.

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JANUARIUS.

Under the Protection of Juno.

Annue, purpureâque veni perlucida pallâ:
Ter tibi fit libo, ter, dea casta, mero.—*Tibullus.*

HAIL, wedded love! mysterious law, true source
Of human offspring, sole propriety
In Paradise of all things common else.
By thee adulterous lust was driven from men
Among the bestial herds to range; by thee,
Founded in reason, loyal, just, and pure,
Relations dear, and all the charities
Of father, son, and brother, first were known.
Perpetual fountain of domestic sweets,
Whose bed is undefiled, and chaste pronounced,
Present, or past, as saints and patriarchs used.
Here love his golden shafts employs, here lights
His constant lamp, and waves his purple wings,
Reigns here and revels; not in the bought smile
Of harlots, loveless, joyless, unendeared,
Casual fruition; nor in court-amours,
Mixed dance, or wanton mask, or midnight ball,
Or serenade, which the starved lover sings
To his proud fair, best quitted with disdain.—*Milton.*

MINE eye yet fixed on Heaven's unchanging clime,
Long had I listened, free from mortal fear,
With inward stillness, and submitted mind;
When lo! its folds far waving on the wind,
I saw the train of the DEPARTING YEAR!
Starting from my silent sadness
Then, with no unholy madness,
Ere yet the entered cloud foreclosed my sight,
I raised the impetuous song, and solemnized his flight.

Coleridge.

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JANUARY.

Upon an huge great earth-pot steane he stood.—*Spenser.*

If then, Young Year! thou need'st must come,
Choose thy attendants well; for 'tis not thee
We fear, but 'tis thy company:
Let neither Loss of Friends, or Fame, or Liberty,
Nor pining Sickness, nor tormenting Pain,
Nor Sadness, nor uncleanly Poverty,
Be seen among thy train:
Nor let thy livery be
Either black Sin, or gaudy Vanity.—*Cowley.*

Ask me why I send you here
This sweet Infanta of the year?
Ask me why I send to you
This primrose, thus bepearled with dew?
I will whisper to your ears,
The sweets of love are mixed with tears.

Ask me why this flower doth shew
So yellow-green, and sickly too?
Ask me why the stalk is weak
And bending, yet it doth not break?
I will answer, these discover
What fainting hopes are in a lover.

The Primrose.—Hesperides.

The shepherds on the lawn,
Or e'er the point of dawn,
Sat simply chatting in a rustic row;
Full little thought they then,
That the mighty Pan
Was kindly come to live with them below;
Perhaps their loves, or else their sheep,
Was all that did their silly thoughts so busy keep.

Christmas Ode.

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THE Temple shakes, the sounding gates unfold,
Wide vaults appear, and roofs of fretted gold:
Rais'd on a thousand pillars, wreath'd around
With laurel-foliage, and with eagles crown'd.
Full in the passage of each spacious gate
The sage Historians in white garments wait;
Graved o'er their seats the form of Time was found,
His scythe revers'd, and both his pinions bound.
Millions of suppliant crowds the shrine attend,
And all degrees before the Goddess bend;
The poor, the rich, the valiant, and the sage,
And boasting youth, and narrative old age,
Thick as the bees, that with the spring renew
Their flowery toils, and sip the fragrant dew.

Temple of Fame.

HERE Patriots live, who for their country's good
In fighting fields were prodigal of blood;
Priests of unblemished lives here make abode,
And Poets worthy their inspiring god;
And searching Wits, of more mechanic parts,
Who graced their age with new-invented arts;
Those, who to worth, their bounty did extend,
And those, who knew that bounty to commend.

Virgil.

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I. JANUARY.

Teach us so to *number* our Days, that we may apply our hearts unto Wisdom.
Pentateuch.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Cal. 1.	Stephen Morin, 1625, *Caen.* Bp. W. Fleetwood, 1656, *Tower.* William Elstob, 1673, *Newcastle.* John Hopkins, 1675, *Ireland.* Ar. Drakenborch, 1684, *Utrecht.* Soame Jenyns, 1704, *London.* Edmund Burke, 1730, *Dublin.* G. Bürger, 1748, *Wolmerswende.*	St. Basil, *Abp. of Cæsarea*, 379. Charles the Bad, 1387. d. *Pampeluna.* Charles (of Orleans), 1466. d. *Amboise.* Louis XII. (the Just) 1515. J. L. Fiescho, 1547. dr. *Genoa.* Christian III. (*of Denm.*) 1559. Jo. du Bellay, 1560. *Notre Dame.* Henry E. of Kent, 1615. *Flitton.* Thos. Hobson, 1631. *Cambridge.* Sir John Hotham, *behead.* 1645. W. Wycherley, 1716. *Cov. Gard.* Lou. de Dangeau, 1723. d. *Paris.* Mel. Duringer, 1723. d. *Berne.* Daniel E. of Winchelsea, 1730. Henry Lord Montfort, 1755. C. A. Helvetius, 1772. d. *Paris.* Thos. Hollis, 1774. d. *Corscombe.* John Bourget, 1776. *Caen-Abbey.* Sir Fletcher Norton, 1789. N. Vandermonde, 1796. *Paris.* L. J. M. Daubenton, 1800. J. C. G. Voigt, 1821. *Ilmenau.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Almachus (or Telemachus), *Martyr at Rome*, A. D. 404. St. Eugendus (or Oyend), *Abbot of St. Claude*, d. 510. St. Fulgentius, *Bo. of Ruspa, in Tunis*, d. 533. St. Fanchea (or Faine), *Virgin of Ireland*, 6th Century. St. Mochua (or Moncain, *alias* Cluanus), *Virgin of Ireland*, 6th Century. St. Mochua (or Cronan), *Abbot of Balla in Ireland*, 637. St. Odilo (or Olon), *Abbot of Cluni*, d. 1049.	

As no man can, rightly, be said to be *born*, until he has arrived at some station worthy of his life; so, in a religious view, *death* is the great birth-day of the departed.
Anon.

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I. JANUARY.

'Tis man alone that joy descries
With forward and reverted eyes.—*Gray.*

Acts.

THE CIRCUMCISION. By the primitive Christians the 1st day of January was observed as a *fast*, to distinguish it from the abuses of paganism. It was not until the year 487, that the *festival*, called in the Latin ritual, the *Octave of Christmas*, became known to the Church; nor, under its present title of "Circumcision," as introduced into our English Liturgy in 1550, is it to be traced higher than about the close of the 11th Century. The ceremony itself to which Christ submitted, is remembered, with reverence, by every Christian.

NEW YEAR'S DAY. That *wholesome* custom of making presents on the opening of the year, is as ancient as humanity; for it was "in the end of the days," at the Autumnal Equinox, that Abel offered up to God a lamb of nine months old, and Cain (when every branch yielded him the means of happiness) the first fruits of his husbandry. It became traditionary with all the Celtic tribes, the Jews, Sarmatæ, and Romans, and was peculiarly a *British* observance; and, in a later age, we find it still blended with feelings of piety, as well as friendship. Even now the usage is reserved amongst us, in common with the Jews, of exchanging, on this day, visitings and congratulations. The Laureate's Lyric note, which chimed in the year, was silenced 1790; but from no dishonour in the institution, that had enrolled the proudest names in the annals of English poesy.

THE MONTH OF JANUARY, and its successor, were adapted for their present station, as leaders of the year, by the wisdom of Numa Pompilius, B.C. 672. The Roman Consuls from B.C. 154, inclusive, were regularly inaugurated on the 1st of January; and the Senate afterwards, in the times of the Emperors, annually renewed on the same day their oath of allegiance. Then also began, B.C. 45, the famous *Julian Period*, after the Roman Calendar had first been reformed by Sosigenes,

I am sent to the ant, to learn industry; to the dove, to learn innocency; to the serpent, to learn wisdom; and why not to the Robin redbreast, who chants it as cheerfully in winter as in summer, to learn equanimity and patience.—*Warwick.*

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I. JANUARY.

By the disposition of a stupendous WISDOM, the whole human race, at one time, is never old, or middle-aged, or young; but in a condition of unchangeable constancy, moves on through the varied tenour of perpetual decay, fall, renovation, and progression. *Burke.*

and adjusted by Flavius, under Cæsar's third Dictatorship; although it was not until A. D. 4 that his intention respecting the leap-years was correctly observed, and then Augustus fixed the decree in brass.

When Julius Cæsar entered upon his first Consulate, B.C. 59, he introduced a new regulation, of committing to writing and *publishing* daily, all the *Acts* or state occurrences both of the senate and the people; which undoubtedly confers, by reflection from its author, a singular *lustre* on the first day of the year, if it be not the fountain of England's greatest blessing—a parliamentary press. The *Calends* of each month being consecrated to *Juno*, in allusion to the Moon's birth, this day was particularly devoted to that Goddess; and to *Janus*, inventor of the Italian Almanack, and a type of the Universe. The *insular Æsculapius* shared the same honour on account of his renovating attributes; and last, but greatest, *Jupiter*, as the parent of the Seasons.—*See 1st March.* It was, moreover, considered an auspicious day by the artists to begin their works; and who shall say that many an admired fragment, from the Italian chisel, has not an Anniversary eternal with the year? In the fourth century the same people, at this season, performed a kind of masquerade of beasts, called the *Play of the Stag*, which St. Jerome tolerated as an innocent diversion.

THE FESTIVAL OF FOOLS was instituted at Paris on *le jour de l'an* 1198, and continued prosperously for 240 years. The merits of this rich solemnity originally belonged to St. Nicholas; and the "Lords of Misrule," in our Inns of Court, with the "Abbots of Unreason," seem to have acquired their dignity from the same motive, that of exploding, by a just ridicule, the Saturnalian mummery and the priest-craft of the Druids.

Edward III. in 1349, rewards the gallantry of his antagonist, Eustace de Ribeaumont, with a chaplet of pearls, desiring him to wear it for his

Inquietudes of mind cannot be prevented without first eradicating all our inclinations and passions, the winds and tides that preserve the great ocean of human life from perpetual stagnation. *Jenyns.*

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I. JANUARY.

'Tis one of God's blessings that we cannot foreknow the hour of our death; for a time fixed, even beyond the possibility of living, would trouble us more than doth this uncertainty. *King James.*

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sake, and to tell the *ladies*, wherever he came, *that it was given by the King of England to the bravest of knights.*

In 1582 a tournament is held at Westminster, in which the Duke of Anjou signalizes his dexterity, to the delight of the Royal Mistress and President:—the knight's device "*serviet æternum, dulcis quem torquet Eliza.*"

The NEW style of commencing the year on the 1st of January was adopted in France, 1564; in Scotland, 1600, and not long after in Denmark; in Holland, Protestant Germany, and in Russia, 1700; in England, 1752; and last, in Sweden, 1753. Peter the Great celebrated the event in his dominions by a Jubilee of seven days. The Christian Era he first introduced there, 1725; but, in deference to the *English mathematicians*, he declined to omit the surplus days, so that, by the addition of another day since the close of the 18th Century, the Gregorian is at present in advance of the Russian Calendar *twelve* days, a variance which is expressed thus $\frac{\text{1 January, 1830}}{\text{20 December, 1829}}$, and recognized throughout Europe.

Charles II. in 1651, is crowned, at Scone, King of the Scots; swearing, upon his knees, to establish the Presbytery, and abolish and withstand all false religions.

The first Leipsic fair, of twelve days, was instituted and commenced upon this day.

In 1801 M. Piazzi, of Palermo, discovered the planet *Ceres*. On the same day the Union of the twin-islands, Albion and Ierne (jointly honoured by the notice of Aristotle 1150 years before this event), was *devoutly* consummated: the Imperial parliament assembles; a new great seal is used; and now the French arms are first expunged after their assumption by the third Edward.

Conversation augments pleasure, and diminishes pain, by our having sharers in either; for silent woes are greatest, as silent satisfactions least; since sometimes our pleasure would be none but for telling of it, and our grief insupportable but for participation. *Wycherley.*

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II. JANUARY.

A regard for our Country and Parents is the first and principal of civil obligations.
Cicero.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Non 2.	Cæsar de Missy, 1703, *Berlin.* John Boyle, E. of Cork, 1707. John, Marq. of Granby, 1721. Gen. Wolfe, 1727, *Westerham.* Titles of quality, when the owners have no other merit to recommend them, are of no more estimation than those which the courtesy of the vulgar have bestowed on the deformed; and when I look over a long tree of descent, I sometimes fancy I can discover the real characters of sharpers, reprobates, and plunderers of their country. *Earl of Cork.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Concordius, *martyr at Spoletto,* 178. St. Macarius *of Alex.* d. 394. Sts. *MS. for the Scriptures,* 303. St. A[da]lard, *Abbot of Corbie,* 827.	Publius Ovidius (Naso) A. D. 18. *Tomis.* Titus Livius, A. D. 18. *Padua.* Pierre du Bosc, 1692. *Rotterdam.* Henry E. of Warrington, 1694. Dr. P. Bacon, 1783. d. *Baldon.* Alexander E. of Rosslyn, 1805. d. *Baylis.* Balthazar Lombardi, 1802. E. Baldinger, 1804. d. *Marpurg.* William Thomas Lewis, 1811. John Mason Good, 1827. He wrote, because nature had endowed him with a highly brilliant gift of seizing what is characteristic in humanity, and of narration; with the talent of a poet, only without the command of metrical language, or the delight in it. He wrote, not doubting, and yet without conviction; wishing to forget the degeneracy of his own age, while reviving the recollection of what had been glorious or excellent in former times.—*Niebuhr on Livy.*

The first physicians by debauch were made;
Excess began, and Sloth sustains the trade.—*Dryden.*

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II. JANUARY.

Nature has given modesty to women, as a token of continence; and fixed it in the minds of all intelligent beings, who know their imperfections.—*Montesquieu.*

Acts.

THIS day was among the *black*, or unfortunate days, in the Roman Calendar. The Emperor Tacitus, favouring the superstition, excepted the last *nones* of each month from the rule that he had made of passing no day without study.

Ferdinand V. takes Granada from the Moors and extinguishes their reign in Spain, 1492, more than seven centuries after the first settlement there of those barbarians. It was four years from this national epoch when the Pope conferred upon Ferdinand the style of *Catholic*.

Queen Mary (the unhappy) revokes, in 1555, the privileges of the Easterlings, or Merchants of the Steelyard in London, a measure wisely supported by her protestant successor.

The paper called "The Tatler," conducted by Sir Richard Steele, and issued on alternate days, terminates on this day, 1711. "The hand that has assisted me in these noble discourses upon the immortality of the soul, the glorious prospects of another life, and the most sublime ideas of religion and virtue, is a person (alluding to Addison) who is too fondly my friend ever to own them; but I should little deserve to be his, if I usurped the glory of them."—Who does not grieve, knowing that divisions afterwards embittered so genuine a friendship!

Capt. Cook dedicates the Sandwich Isles in honour of his patron, 1778.

Upon this day, in 1809, the Penguin Island at the Cape of Good Hope sank from its "propriety," and is now only known to mariners by name.

Lord Byron dedicates to T. Moore, Esq. his "*Corsair*," 1814, in a Preface equally honourable to both these sons of song, and which will, most probably, as a little skiff, attend the poem down the stream of posterity. It may be observed that our departed Poet's wedding happened upon the same day in the ensuing year.

The Prince Regent, in the name of his late Majesty, issues an ordinance in 1815 for extending the Order of the Bath; *to commemorate the auspicious termination of the war, and to mark in an especial manner his gracious sense of the valour, perseverance, and devotion, manifested by the officers of his Majesty's forces both by sea and land.*

What is more excellent than inviolable piety? what is more just than submission to laws? and what is more advantageous than mutual love and concord?

Josephus against Apion.

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III. JANUARY.

Prudes decay'd about may tack,
Strain their necks with looking back:
Give me Time, when coming on:
Who regards him when he's gone?
Swift.—Madam *Loquitur.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
III. Non. 3.	Marcus Tullius Cicero, B. C. 107, *Arpinum.* John Boyse, 1560, *Nettlestead.* Wm. Homberg, 1652, *Batavia.* Frederick Hasselquist, 1722, *Tournalla.* The love which every man bears to himself does not, certainly, flow from any expected recompense or reward, but solely from that pure and innate regard which each individual feels for his own person. Now if the same kind of affection be not transferred into *friendship*, it will be in vain to hope for a true friend, as a true friend is no other, in effect, than a second *self.*—*Tully.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Anterus (Pope), *martyr at Rome*, 235. St. Gordius, *martyr at Cæsarea, in Cappadocia*, c. 302. St. Peter Balsam, *martyr in Palestine*, 311. St. Geneviève, V. *Patroness of Paris.* d. 512.	Philip V. (*of France*) 1322. J. Sforza (*of Milan*) dr. 1424. Katherine (*of England*) 1437. Alderman (Hen.) Smith, 1627. Jeremiah Horrox, 1641. d. *Hoole.* Gen. (Geo.) Monk, 1670. *Abbey.* Claude Bourgelet, 1779. Josiah Wedgewood, 1795. Chas. Townley, 1805. *Burnley.* Lord (Chanc.) Loughbro' 1805. If thou canst love a fellow of this temper, *Kate*, whose face is not worth sun-burning, that never looks in his glass for love of any thing he sees there, let thine eye be thy cook. I speak to thee plain soldier. What! a speaker is but a prater; a rhyme is but a ballad; a good leg will fall; a straight back will stoop; a black beard will turn white; a curled pate will grow bald; a fair face will wither; a full eye will wax hollow: but a good heart, Kate, is the sun and moon; or rather the sun, and not the moon; for it shines bright, and never changes.—*King Henry* V.

The way to cure our prejudices is this, that every man should let alone those that he complains of in others, and examine his own.—*Locke.*

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III. JANUARY.

The fundamental law of history is, that it should neither dare to say any thing that was false, nor fear to say any thing that is true, nor give any just suspicion either of favour or disaffection.—*Cicero.*

Acts.

MYRONIDES, the Athenian general, overthrew the Bœotians, at Œnophyta on this day, B. C. 456.

Thomas Cavendish, the second Englishman that sailed round the world, comes within sight of *Guana*, one of the Ladrone islands, 1588, on his passage home by way of the Cape, which he made the 16th of May; having in nine weeks run about one thousand eight hundred and fifty leagues. Those eleven islets were named the *Ladrones*, by Magellan, from the pilfering disposition of the occupants. There an impartial Providence has planted the bread-fruit tree in abundance.

Secretary Pepys visits, 1661, the new theatre near Lincoln's Inn Fields (formerly Gibbons' Tennis Court), where Fletcher's comedy of the "*Beggar's Bush*" was repeated; "*and here the first time that ever I saw women come upon the stage.*"

The six members, including Hampden, are impeached of high treason, 1642; on the same day that a committee of the house was appointed to take into their consideration the militia of the kingdom. It was on the 3d of January 1639, that the king's light horse were trained at Bramham House to be employed against the Scottish covenanters. "The best means" (said Hampden in his defence the next day) "to discern between the true and false religion is, by searching the Old and New Testament, which is of itself pure, indited by the spirit of God, and written by holy men, unspotted in their lives and conversations."

Lord Chesterfield thus *epistolizes* on this day, with an oblique severity: "at your age people have strong and active spirits, alacrity, and vivacity in all they do; are indefatigable and quick. The difference is, that a young fellow of talents exerts all those happy dispositions in the pursuit of proper objects, endeavours to excel in the solid, and in the showish parts of life; whereas a silly puppy, or a dull rogue, throws away all his youth and spirits upon trifles, when he is serious; or upon disgraceful vices, while he aims at pleasure."

Lucien Buonaparte settles, 1811, in his retirement, a few miles from Ludlow, in Shropshire, formerly the capital seat of the titular princes and presidents of Wales. There he composed his epic poem, "Charlemagne, or the Church delivered," published in 1814.

It is some skill in play to know when a game is lost.—*King Charles.*

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IV. JANUARY.

Nothing is more delightful than to get
The top of high philosophy, and sit
On the calm, peaceful, flourishing head of it:
Whence we may view, profoundly deep below,
How poor mistaken mortals wand'ring go
Seeking the path to happiness.—*Lucretius.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Non. 4.	Abp. (J.) Usher, 1580, *Dublin.* Henry Grove, 1683, *Taunton.* L. Guyton de Morveau, 1737, *Dijon.* We can behold with coldness the stupendous displays of Omnipotence, and be in transports at the puny essays of human skill; throw aside speculations of the sublimest nature and vastest importance into some obscure corner of the mind, to make room for new notions of no consequence at all; and prefer the first reading of an indifferent author, to the second or third perusal of one whose merit and reputation are established.—*Grove.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Titus (*Disciple of St. Paul*) d. *Crete*, c. 100. St. Gregory, *Bp. of Langres*, 541. St. Rigobert (or Robert), d. *Gernicour*, c. 750. St. Rumon, Bp. *buried at Tavistock*, c. 10th Century.	Henry Burton, 1648. *London.* Edw. Knott, 1656. *St. Pancras.* Lewis le Maistre, 1684. d. *Pompona.* Prince Louis (of Baden) 1707. Steph. Hales, 1761. *Teddington.* Charlotte Lennox, 1804. Alex. Macdonald, 1815. *Edinburgh.* Go, soul, the body's guest, Upon a thankless errand; Fear not to touch the best, The truth shall be thy warrant: Go, since I needs must die, And give the world THE LIE. *Anon.* When I observe, from an almost blamable degree of modesty, our young gentlemen of fashion accusing themselves of more vices than they have constitutions to commit, I am led by a kind of impulse to this work; which is intended to be a public repository for their real frailties, in order to relieve them from the necessity of such private confessions.—*World*, No. 1, *in diê.*

Foppery is never cured; it is the bad stamina of the mind, which, like those of the body, are never rectified; once a coxcomb, and always a coxcomb.—*Johnson.*

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IV. JANUARY.

The *Wife* is as a diamond richly set;
The *Maid* unset doth yet more rich appear;
The *Widow* a jewel in the cabinet,
Which though not worn, is still esteem'd as dear.—*Sir J. Davis.*

Acts.

THE fourth of the Moon *Sebat* was appropriated as a fast day by the Jews in memory of the death of the Elders, who succeeded Joshua.

Edward 1st writes to the abbot of Cluni from Ashridge on this day, 1291, acquainting him with the demise of his Queen, *Eleanor*, and requesting that mass, and other usual offices, might be performed for the rest of her soul. Tapers were burnt both day and night upon her tomb at Westminster for more than two centuries; and every lisper in English story will remember that the three crosses standing at Geddington, Waltham, and Northampton, are so many monuments, which time has spared, of Edward's *gratitude*.

"I am now sitting this present fourth of January" (Pera of Constantinople, 1716) writes Lady Montagu to a female correspondent, "with the windows open, enjoying the warm shine of the sun, while you are freezing over a sad sea-coal fire; and my chamber is set out with carnations, roses, and jonquils, fresh from my garden. I am charmed with many points of the Turkish *law*, to our shame be it spoken, better designed and better executed than ours; particularly the punishment of convicted liars (triumphant criminals in our country, God knows): they are burnt in the forehead with a hot iron, when they are proved the authors of any notorious falsehoods. How many white foreheads should we see disfigured, how many fine gentlemen would be forced to wear their wigs as low as their eyebrows, were this law in practice with us! I should go on to tell you many other parts of justice, but I must send for my midwife."

War is declared against Spain, 1762. This spark was fanned by a remnant of that old enthusiasm which properly should have (quite) expired with the date of Queen Elizabeth.

In 1793 the Alien Bill passes. It was during the debate on this measure that the great Burke threw upon the floor of the house, a Sheffield dagger, to enforce his powers of oratory.

Covent Garden Theatre is founded, 1809.

It is a desperate, but thin cunning of some impertinents, to raise and rail most against those very weaknesses and vices which they are but too conscious belong wholly to themselves. *Donne's Letters.*

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V. JANUARY.

Man, like the generous vine, supported lives;
The strength he gains is from the embrace he gives.
Thus God and Nature link'd the general frame,
And bade self-love and social be the same. *Pope.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Non. 5.	Francis Suarez, 1548, *Granada.* Dr. B. Rush, 1745, *Pennsylvania.* I consider woman as a beautiful romantic animal, that may be adorned with furs and feathers, pearls and diamonds, ores, and silks. The lynx shall cast its skin at her feet to make her a tippet: the peacock, parrot, and swan shall *pay contributions* to her muff; the sea shall be searched for shells, and the rocks for gems; and every part of nature furnish out its share towards the embellishment of a creature that is the most consummate work of it.—*Addison, in diê.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Telesphorus (Pope) m. 2nd Century. St. Syncletica, *Virgin*, d. *Alexandria*, c. 4th Century. St. Simeon Stylites, *of Cilicia*, 459.	Edward the Confessor, 1066. *Westminster.* Charles the Bold, 1477. *killed, Nanci.* Alex. de Medicis, *ass.* 1537. Nich. Thoynard, 1706. d. *Paris.* Czartan Petrarch, 1724. d. *Kofrosch*, aged 185. J. B. de Valincour, 1730. d. *Paris.* Elizabeth *(of Russia)*. 1762. James Merrick, 1769. d. *Reading.* Isaac Reed, 1807. *Amwell.* E. Griffith, 1793. d. *Millicent.* Frederick, Duke of York, 1827. The same hath happened to the truly wise, which befalls ears of corn; they shoot and raise their heads high and pert, whilst empty; but when mature and swelled with grain, begin to flag and droop. So those men who have tried and sounded all things, and discovered nothing solid and firm, have quitted their presumption and acknowledged their natural condition.—*Montaigne.*

When the grape *(uva)* of the palate becomes inflamed by moisture, it is the cause of suffocation. *Aristoteles.*

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V. JANUARY.

If you would be venerable, instruct your children, and so partake of their good actions.
Persian Sentence.

Acts.

ARATUS, of Sicyon, on the fifth day of the Month *Anthesterion*, B. C. 251, rescues his native town from the Macedonian tyranny. An annual festival of thanksgiving and sacrifice to Jupiter Soter, *the preserver*, was afterwards instituted, around his tomb, to celebrate this patriotic achievement; and another, called the *Arateia* was solemnized on his birthday, at which his son officiated, wearing a girdle of white, with purple spots, in the presence of the assembled citizens—the sage and schoolboy.

The healing benediction, first assumed by Edward the Confessor in 1058, and bequeathed by him to his successors, the sovereigns of England, was, it may be supposed, frequently exercised on the day when so devout a King disappeared from the world. In 1272 we find that Edward I. after touching for the malady called, by distinction, *the Evil*, gave gold medals, which were suspended, with a formula of prayer, round the necks of the patients. This coin, in value ten shillings, was impressed with the figure of an *Angel*, and so named. The custom may probably be derived from the baptismal ceremony; for we learn from Zeno, Bishop of Verona, that in his time (4th century) it was usual to give a medal to every one who received the sacramentary ablutions, but whether stamped with a sacred *image*, or with the monogram and cross, then recently adopted by Constantine, is not recorded. Queen Elizabeth first relinquished the sign of the *cross* in the ceremony, and Queen Anne deprived the nation, with her life, of the royal virtue itself. She had touched *the infant Hercules*, Samuel Johnson, in the Lent of 1712, then but thirty months old, an incident which he very well remembered.

The "Journal des Sçavans" appears 1665, on this day, under the direction of its projectors, Messrs. Gallois and de Sallo.

In 1757 Robert Damiens attempts the assassination of Louis XIV. for which he suffered a punishment too terrific to find a place in *human* annals.

Who, but unhappy descendants, will praise their progenitors?
Grecian Proverb.

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VI. JANUARY.

Thy spirit, Independence, let me share!
Lord of the lion-heart and eagle-eye,
Thy steps I follow with my bosom bare,
Nor heed the storm that howls along the sky.

Smollett.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VIII. Id. 6.	Richard II. 1366, *Bourdeaux.* Joan of Arc, 1402, *Domnemi.* John Daille, 1594, *Chatelleraut.* John Soanen, 1647, *Riom.* Peter Metastasio, 1698, *Rome.*	Dionysius (*of Portugal*), 1325. Jas. E. of Ormond, 1338. d. *Irel.* Bp. (William) Bateman, 1355. *Avignon.* Bp. A. Corsini, 1373. d. *Fiesoli.* Sir J. Stanley, 1414. d. *Ireland.* Anthony (*of Palermo*), 1471. Qu. Catharine, 1536. *Peterboro'.* Innocent X. (Pope) 1655. Bishop (Seth) Ward, 1689. *Salisbury.* Lambert Bos, 1717. d. *Franeker.* J. V. Gravina, 1718. d. *Rome.* John Dennis, 1734. (*Ubivis.*) Gaspard Duchange, 1757. Major Pierson, 1781. *killed, St. Hellier.* N. le Poivre, 1786. d. *Lyons.* C. A. Count d'Argental, 1788. Dr. Geo. Berkeley, 1795. *St. Clem.* Rev. W. Jones, 1801. d. *Paston.*

Longevity ought to be highly valued by men of piety and talents, as it will enable them to be much more useful to mankind, and especially to their own country. As to others, it is no great matter; since they are a disgrace to mankind, and their death is rather a service to the public.

Cornaro.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Melanius, d. *Brittany*, 490.
St. Peter, *Abbot in England, drowned* 608.
St. Nilammon, *Hermit of Egypt.*

Among the writers of all ages, some deserve fame, and have it; others neither have, nor deserve it; some have it, not deserving; others, though deserving, yet totally miss it, or have it not equal to their deserts.—*Milton.*

'Would I had never trod this English earth,
Or felt the flatteries that grow upon it!
Ye have Angels' faces, but heaven knows your hearts.

King Henry VIII.

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VI. JANUARY.

There is no slander in an allowed fool, though he do nothing but rail; nor no railing in a known discreet man, though he do nothing but reprove.

Twelfth Night.

Acts.

THE EPIPHANY, is a festival originally observed by the Church in 813, to commemorate the *manifestation* of Christ to the three Kings, or Magi, which happened on the TWELFTH DAY *after* the Nativity. It is the Christmas of the Greek and Russian Church, and kept as "Old Christmas," by those in England who, with King James, consider the patriarchs the best telescopes. The election of Kings by the *bean*,—a custom of greater antiquity than Twelfth-day, formerly took place, with the "heavy-headed" wassail, on the night *preceding* that festival; for by changing it our playful ancestors encroached one day upon the season of labour, when the PLOUGH and DISTAFF were resumed. "We had much mirth on board (says Henry Teonge, off the Morea, 1676): we had a great cake made, in which was put a bean for the king, a pease for the queen, a clove for the knave, a forked stick for the cuckold, a rag for the slut. The cake was cut into several pieces, and all put into a napkin, out of which every one took his piece, as out of a lottery; then each piece was broken to see what was in it, which caused much laughter to see our Lieutenant prove the cuckold." The Marquis de Dangeau notes that Louis XIV., in 1698, refused to keep his Twelfth-night, at Versailles, on account of the great number of ladies (four hundred and seven!) whom he considered himself *obliged* to invite.

This was the Anniversary, according to Plutarch, of the coming (*accessus*), or birth, of Isis, the "mighty mother" of Egyptian idolatry.

The New Year's day among the Druids, who began both their months and years, not from the change, but when the moon first became *visible*.

Cæsar passes Ceraunia on his march towards the fatal plains of Pharsalus, having embarked two days before at Brundusium, B. C. 48.

The Danes, in 878, take possession of the royal villa of Chippenham, and chase Alfred, with his little band, to seek shelter in the hospitable woods of Somersetshire; from which seclusion came the old wives' tale of the *burnt cakes*.

The Lady Anne of Cleves unites her useful virtues to those of "the majestic Lord, that broke the bonds of Rome," 1540.

There are three powerful ones in the world: a lord, an idiot, and nothing.

The Triads.

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VII. JANUARY.

The simple energy of Truth needs no ambiguous interpreters.—*Euripides.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VII. Id. 7.	Christian Garve, 1742, *Breslau.* Jos. Buonaparte, 1768, *Ajaccio.* Prs. Charlotte (*of Wales*), 1796.	Charles I. (*of Naples*), 1285. Dr. Wm. Bulleyn, 1576. James Andreas, 1590. John Guignard. *beheaded*, 1595. Ph. Henslow, 1616. *Southwark.* Raph. Fabretti, 1700. d. *Rome.* Fenelon *de la Motte*, 1715. W. H. Bougeant, 1743. d. *Paris.* Allan Ramsay, 1763. d. *Edinb.* Dr. Frank Nicholls, 1779.

But thou, O blessed soul!
Dost, haply, not respect
Those tears we shed,
Tho' full of loving pure aspect,
Having affix'd thine eyes
On that most glorious throne
Where, full of majesty,
The high Creator reigns;
Where thou dost gather now
Of well employed life
The inestimable gains.

Spenser.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Lucian, *Martyr at Antioch*, 312.
St. Cedd, *Bp. of London*, 664.
St. Kentigerna, *Widow of Ireland.* d. 728.
St. Thillo (or Theau, *alias* Tilman) c. 702.
St. Aldric, *Bp. of Mans.* d. 856.
St. Canut, d. *Denmark*, 1130.

I am contented: I wish for nothing more, I have set bounds to my desires. I possess every thing that is necessary for life. Cincinnatus, Curius, Fabricius, and Regulus, after having conquered nations and led kings in triumph, were not so rich as I am. I should always be poor were I to open a door to the passions. Avarice, luxury, ambition, know no bounds; cupidity is a fathomless abyss. I have clothes to cover me, food to nourish me, horses to carry me; land to lie down and walk upon, and to receive my remains when I die.—*Petrarch.*

Five and twenty is the very harvest time of life, to gather precious corn, and fruit of our labours against the cold storms and cloudy days of aged winter; when the body is weak, the eyes' sight decayed, and the hands tremble.—*Bulleyn.*

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VII. JANUARY.

They shall be prosecuted for ingratitude who do not retaliate kindnesses.
Athenian Law.

Acts.

THE HEBDOMÉ, was a festival kept at Athens on the *seventh* day of every lunar month, in honour of Apollo, to whom all seventh days were sacred, because (as Hesiod sings) one of them was supposed to be his birthday; evidently a fabulous allusion to the first operations of the *nine infolded spheres* round the solar body, at the creation of the universe.—*See 7th April.*

Lord of the Seasons, with thy fiery car
And leaping coursers, beaming light from far:
With thy right hand the source of morning light,
And with thy left the father of the night.
Foe to the wicked, but the good man's guide,
O'er all his steps propitious you preside:
With various-sounding, golden lyre, 'tis thine
To fill the world with harmony divine.—*Orpheus.*

Trajan makes his triumphal entry into Antioch, A. D. 107.

All the Knights Templars in England and Ireland are arrested on this day under sealed mandates, 1308.

The Book of Common Prayer, composed by the direction of Cranmer, is *established* with the authority of parliament, 1549.

The first treaty of Alliance between England and the States General is concluded, 1578.

Galileo, the friend of Milton, and a kindred genius, discovers on this day, 1610, the Satellites of the planet Jupiter, which he called the Medicean Stars, in honour of his patron, Cosmo, Duke of Tuscany. "It was in Florence (says Milton) that I found and visited the famous Galileo, grown old, a prisoner to the Inquisition, for thinking in astronomy otherwise than the Franciscan and Dominican licensers thought."

Monsieur Blanchard and Dr. Jefferies navigate, in an air balloon, the Straits of Dover, from off the point of "Shakspeare's Cliff," and descend in the forest of Guiennes, 1785.

The industrious St. Distaff commenced her festival at the first cock after Twelfth-tide, which concluded, with her rites, the sports of Christmas.

Kisses before Gifts.—*Oriental Proverb.*

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VIII. JANUARY.

I allow that Gothic appeals to cold iron are no better proofs of a man's honesty and veracity than hot iron and burning ploughshares are of female chastity; but a soldier's honour is as delicate as a woman's—it must not be suspected.

Sir William Draper.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Id. 8.	D. F. Secousse, 1691, *Paris.* Eliza Buonaparte, 1777, *Ajaccio.* It is not the red and white which giveth the perfection of beauty, the truth of which may appear in a discontented woman, exceeding fair, who at that instant will seem unlovely; as contrariwise, a hard-favoured and brown woman, being merry, and jocund, will seem sufficient beautiful.—*Lomas.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Apollinaris, *Bp. of Hierapolis*, c. 175. St. Lucian, *M. at Beauvais*, c. 290. *(See English Church Calendar.)* St. Nathalan, *Bp. of Aberdeen*, d. 452. St. Severinus, d. *Austria*, 482. St. Gudula (or Goule), *V. Patroness of Brussels*, d. 712. St. Pega (or Pec), *V. of England.* d. *Rome*, 719. St. Vulsin (or Ultius), *Bishop of Shireburn.* d. 973.	Felix, *Bp. of Nantes*, 584. Edgar (*of Scotland*), 1107. d. *Dun-Edin.* Lawrence Justinian, *Patriarch of Venice*, 1455. Henry Bynneman, 1584. Guy Ubaldo Bonarelli, 1608. Galileo, 1642. d. *Arcetti.* Justus Van Egmont, 1674. d. *Antwerp.* L. Bellini, 1703. d. *Florence.* John, Earl of Stair, 1707. C. Rawlinson, 1733. *St. Albans.* J. le Clerc, 1736. d. *Amsterdam.* Sir Thomas Burnet, 1753. Thos. Edwards, 1757. d. *Parson's Green.* Peter Davall, 1768. Dr. Gregory Sharpe, 1771. Lady Dodingt. Montagu, 1774. Sir Wm. Draper, 1787. d. *Bath.* A. O'Leary, 1802. *St. Pancras.* Sir Francis Bourgeois, 1811. Major Edw. Pakenham, 1815. *killed, New Orleans.*

Astronomy was first taught by God, for no man could have discovered it; and the first must needs have been the excellentest in that.—*King James.*

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VIII. JANUARY.

Mother of ages, fruit-producing moon;
Fair lamp of night, its ornament and friend.—*Orpheus.*

Acts.

THE MONTHS. The moon being ordained as a perpetual and universal chronometer, we may, with reason, conclude, that in the infancy of the world her rotations kept an *exact* pace with the sun's progress through each of the twelve zodiacal signs; but from what natural causes, whether by decay in the gravitating forces, or otherwise, the present annual difference of eleven days is occasioned, must ever remain (perhaps) matter for finite contention. If, however, we admit an *hypothesis*, of a reception in the cavities of the earth of a flood of waters from the moon, at the period of the deluge, then the latter might finish her lunations six days sooner, by *levity*, and the former be retarded five days, by *gravity*, which at once will account for the variance, and regulate the antediluvian, or Noëtic month (which we know consisted of thirty days) with the twelve lunar *appearances*, without resorting to a rude embolism of five days, invented from *necessity* by Noah, who, in Greek fable, is called Saturnus, and Janus at Rome. The Julian month, *January*, which takes its name from this prince of astronomers, agrees nearly with the eleventh moon *Tybi*, of the ancient Egyptian calendar, and the fifth of the Alexandrian, or the modern year—with the fifth secular and the eleventh sacred moon, *Shebat*, of the Jews—with the fifth moon, *Merded*, of the Persian Yesdegerdic year—with the fifth moons *Thir*, *Khaguets*, and *Tona*, of the Ethiopian, Armenian, and Coptic calendars—with the fifth moons, *Peritius*, *Kisarius*, and *Heraclius*, of the Syro-Macedonians, Cyprians, and Bythinians—with the fourth solar month, *Canun II.* of the Syrians—with the eighth month, *Anthesterion*, of the Athenians, the fifth *Dystrus* of the Macedonians, and the first, *Audynæus*, of their solar year—and with the seventh moons, *Regiab* and *Regeb*, of the Arabs and the Turks. It was called *Wolf*-month by the Saxons, and is the *Laaw*-maund of the Hollanders.

The city of Bagdad is taken by the Tartars, 1258.

The greatest pleasure of life is love; the greatest treasure is contentment; the greatest possession is health; the greatest ease is sleep; and the greatest medicine is a true friend.—*Sir W. Temple.*

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IX. JANUARY.

There is such a mixture of folly and infirmity in the best and wisest of the human race, that we should be much more thankful for the good we meet with, than disappointed at the bad. We are in the hands of Providence; and though we are bad enough ourselves, our cause is good and noble. *Miss Talbot.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
v. Id. 9.	Abbé de Rancé, 1626, *Paris.* Joseph Cradock, 1742. Christian VII. *(of Denm.)* 1749.	John VI. (Pope), 705. Henry Courtenay, Marquis of Exeter, *beheaded*, 1539. Gen. du Bellay, 1543. *Mans.* Corn. Musso, 1574. d. *Rome.* *Bern. de* Fontenelle, 1757. Cath. Talbot, 1770. d. *Richmond.* J. F. Blondel, 1774. d. *Louvre.* Dr. J. Forster, 1799. d. *Halle.* Elizabeth O. Benger, 1827.

Never contract a friendship with any body, until you have first examined how he behaved himself to his former friends. Take indeed a sufficient time before you *profess* yourself a friend; but that once done, endeavour to be always such; for it is equally shameful to have no friends at all, and to change them often.—*Isocrates.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Marciana, V. *Mart. in Africa*, c. 305.
Sts. Julian and Basilissa, *M. Egypt*, c. 313.
St. Peter *of Sebaste*, c. 387.
St. Felan, *Abbot in Scotland*, d. 7th Century.
St. Vaneng, d. *Normandy*, 688.
St. Adrian, *Abbot at Cant.* d. 710.
St. Brithwald, *Abp. of Canterbury.* d. 731.

The easiest and the shortest way for a man to arrive at true glory is really *to be* what he desires to *appear* to be, saith Socrates; for that which is but external show, adds his commentator, Cicero, as a flower, quickly fades and withers.

Amoret! as sweet and good
As the most delicious food,
Which, but tasted, does impart
Life and gladness to the heart.
Sacharissa's beauty's wine,
Which to madness doth incline:
Such a liquor, as no brain
That is mortal can sustain.
Waller.

We tell the ladies that good wives make good husbands; I believe it is a more indisputable position that good brothers make good sisters.—*Johnson, in dit.*

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IX. JANUARY.

Peace is that harmony in the state, that health is in the body.—*Clarendon.*

Acts.

THE EIGHT nundinal letters, A to H, corresponding in the Roman Calendar with the first eight days of January, and so repeated, like our dominical character, throughout the year, were used for the convenience of those who resided in the country, in order that they might assemble within the city, and transact their affairs. These markets were held every *ninth day*, on the return of the letter, and hence is derived their name, "Nundinæ."

The Agonalia, a feast in honour of the god of business, Agonius (or of Janus, as some suppose, but incorrectly, as the *old* Calendar marks his sacrifices on the eighth, unless he be confounded with Mercury, the man, for the master), was kept on the present day.—*See* 21*st May*.

The town of Altona, on the Elbe, is burnt by the Swedes, 1712, under the command of General Steinbock, so illustrious for his wisdom and heroic virtues.

The treaty of Constantinople is signed, by which the sovereignty of the Crimea was ceded to Russia, 1784. Upon the same day, 1792, a final treaty of peace was concluded by Catharine with the Ottoman Porte, fixing the river Dniester as the common boundary between the two empires.

Beattie explains to Dr. Blacklock his motives for pruning the sickly and exotic plant of infidelity, 1769: "A very little truth will sometimes enlighten a vast extent of science. I found that the sceptical philosophy was not what the world imagined it to be, nor what I, following the opinion of the world, had hitherto imagined it to be; but a frivolous, though dangerous, system of verbal subtilty, which it required neither genius, nor learning, nor taste, nor knowledge of mankind to be able to put together; but only a captious temper, an irreligious spirit, a moderate command of words, and an extraordinary degree of vanity and presumption."

Two ships sail from Gravesend, with black people on board, to effect a new settlement at Sierra Leone, 1787. This is the prosperous colony founded by Granville Sharp.

Sir David Baird takes possession of the Cape of Good Hope, by capitulation, upon the defeat of General Janssens, 1806.—The funeral of *Nelson* was solemnized at St. Paul's, on the same day, amidst a nation's tears.

The paths of glory lead but to the grave.—*Gray.*

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X. JANUARY.

Fame, if not double-faced, is double mouth'd,
And with contrary blast proclaims most deeds;
On both his wings, one black, the other white,
Bears greatest names in his wild aery flight.—*Milton.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Id. 10.	Nich. Steno, 1638, *Copenhagen.* L. F. Duke of Bouflers, 1644. Card. Gabrielli, 1654, *Castella.* Joshua Barnes, 1654, *London.* J. E. Grabe, 1666, *Koningsberg.* Michael Ney, 1769, *Sarre-Louis.*	Miltiades (Pope), 314. Gregory, *Bp. of Nyssa,* 400. John I. (*of Constant.*) 976. Bishop Bloet, *expired* 1123. Gregory X. (Pope), 1276. J. Cochlæus, 1552. d. *Breslau.* Sir Maurice Abbot, 1640. Abp. (W.) Laud, *behead.* 1645. Edw. Cave, 1754. *Clerkenwell.* John, Duke of Rutland, 1711. Francis Nicole, 1758. d. *Lyons.* Adm. Boscawen, 1761. *Penkenel.* Adam Anderson, 1765. George Costard, 1782. Elias de Beaumont, 1785. Peter Lyonet, 1789. d. *Hague.* M. J. de Chenier, 1811. d. *Paris.*

Age will superciliously censure all who are younger than themselves, and the vices of the present time as new and unheard of, when in truth they are the very same they practised, and practised as long as they were able. They die in an opinion that they have left none wiser behind them, though they have left none behind them who ever had any esteem of their wisdom and judgment.—*Clarendon.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Marcian, d. *Constant.* 5th Century.
St. Agatho (Pope), d. 682.
St. William, *Abp. of Bourges,* d. 1209.

I cannot think Nature is so spent and decayed, that she can bring forth nothing worth her former years. She is always the same, like herself; and when she collects her strength, is abler still. Men are decayed, and studies: she is not.—*Jonson.*

Prosperity is so favourable to the coward, that it may even conceal his baseness; but those misfortunes which make him known, and despised, enable the *brave* to show themselves in their genuine colours.—*Archidamus.*

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X. JANUARY.

Write nothing but what you have seen, nor let it be published until you are dead.—*Boccalini.*

Acts.

THEODOSIUS establishes the Catholic creed upon the ruins of Arianism in all the provinces of the East, by means of a military commission, dated on the present day, A. D. 381.

The ancient Swedish year began with the midwinter of the Romans; *i. e.* the *twentieth* (this) day after our winter solstice, when the festival of the new year was celebrated in the city of Stockholm.

No gentle breathing breeze prepares the spring,
No birds within the desert region sing.
The ships, unmoved, the boisterous winds defy,
While rattling chariots o'er the ocean fly.
The vast leviathan wants room to play,
And spout his waters in the face of day;
And starving wolves along the main sea prowl,
And to the moon in icy valleys howl.—*A. Philips.*

Oliver Cromwell takes his seat in the House of Commons, 1628. It was King Charles's third parliament.

Dom. John Bourget, so respectable for his learning and piety, is elected an honorary member of the Society of Antiquaries, London, 1765.

Bruce, the traveller, returns to Cairo from the Abyssinian court, after an absence of more than four years, 1773.

Beattie, writing to the Duchess of Gordon, 1779, "I used to devour the 'Night Thoughts' with a satisfaction not unlike that which, in my younger years, I have found in walking alone in a churchyard, or on a wild mountain, by the light of the moon, at midnight. Such things may help to soften a rugged mind. When I first read Young, my heart was broken to think of the poor man's afflictions. Afterwards, I took it in my head, that where there was so much lamentation, there could not be excessive suffering; and I could not help applying to him sometimes those lines of a song,

'Believe me, the shepherd but feigns;
He's wretched, to show he has wit.'

I have since found, from his friends, that my conjecture was right."

It is difficult to find a young fellow that is neither a wit in his own eye, nor a fool in the eye of the world. *Congreve.*

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XI. JANUARY.

Is it the curse of greatness to behold
Virtue through such false optics as unfold
No splendour, 'less from equal orbs they shine?
What Heaven made free, ambitious men confine.—*Chamberlayne.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Id. 11.	Dr. T. Wren, 1632, *Cambridge.* Henry, Duke of Norfolk, 1654. Robert Hill, 1699, *Miswell.* Camille Jordan, 1771, *Lyons.* Aspire not to public honours, enter not the palaces of kings (said the expiring Emir to his son); thy wealth will set thee above insult, let thy moderation keep thee below envy. In the height of my power, I said to defamation, who will hear thee? and to artifice, what canst thou perform? But, my son, despise not thou the malice of the weakest, remember that venom supplies the want of strength, and that the lion may perish by the puncture of an asp.—*Rambler, in diê.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Hyginus (Pope), d. 142. St. Theodosius the Cenobiarch, 529. d. *Palestine.* St. Salvius (or Sauve), *Bp. of Amiens,* 7th Century. St. Egwin, *Bp. of Worcester,* 1183.	Mendoza, *Abp. of Toledo,* 1495. Augustine Vincent, 1626. William Chamberlayne, 1689. *Shaftesbury.* John George Grævius, 1703. J. Zannichelli, 1729. d. *Venice.* Sir H. Sloane, 1752. *Chelsea.* F. Roubilliac, 1762. d. *London.* Charles Linnæus, 1778. *Upsal.* Abp. (W.) Newçome, 1800. d. *Dublin.* F. Schlegel, 1829. d. *Vienna.* What a wretched condition are those kings and states in, who put their confidence in such men as believe neither natural nor revealed religion! Indeed, men, who are themselves void of learning, who give no credit to the judgment of any learned men whatsoever; who have no sort of concern for truth, but live in perpetual hypocrisy; are by no means fit to be trusted in *any* matters, not even with such as relate to the public.—*Le Clerc.*

In the works of Shakspeare a whole world is unfolded; and he who has well comprehended this, and been penetrated with its spirit, will not easily allow the effect to be diminished by the form, or listen to the cavils of those who are incapable of understanding the import of what they would criticise.—*F. Schlegel.*

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XI. JANUARY.

The eternal God is every where: therefore, live justly.—*Sentence of Linnæus.*

Acts.

THE ANTHESTERIA, an Athenian festival in honour of "plumpy Bacchus, with pink eyne," was held on the 11th, 12th, and 13th days of the month Anthesterion. The vessels were tapped, and tasted, on the first day; on the second the votaries "took their cups," and drank, like true Greeks, to repletion; the last day was one of abstinence, divided, most rationally, between *pot-luach* and the tart comedy.

The Carmentalia, a feast of dedication, was celebrated on this afternoon by the Roman matrons, in commemoration of their connubial felicity.—*See 15th day.*

The expiatory lustrations and sacrifices are celebrated at Rome, as enjoined by the Sybilline books, which Aurelian and the senate had consulted previous to the emperor's victory at *Fano* over the invading Alemanni, A. D. 271.

Adam de Houghton, Bp. of St. David's, receives the great seal, 1377.

The drawing of the first Public lottery begins at the west door of St. Paul's, 1569. It continued, by day and candle-light, until the 6th of May. The lots were forty thousand (without blanks), at ten shillings each, and the chief prizes consisted of plate. It seems that the profits of this *scheme* were to have been "converted towards the reparation of the havens, and strength of the realm, and towards such other further *good works*." Thus about 20,000*l.* was ingeniously raised by a sale, in some shape, of the royal plate and trinkets—useless new years' gifts.

A human skeleton, according to M. Le Cat, is found, in 1613, entombed eighteen feet below the surface of a spot called the Giant's Field, in Dauphiny, which was twenty-five feet and a half long, and ten feet wide across the shoulders. There appeared on a gray stone this inscription: "THEUTOBOCHUS REX."

Louis XIV. by a decree, 1680, establishes, at the Arsenal, a special court for the trial of poisoners and *magicians;* by which authority several persons, distinguished by their birth and titles, were gravely convicted.

Sir Edward Hughes storms and captures the Dutch settlement of Trincomalee, in Ceylon, valuable for its fine harbour, 1782.

Sir J. Moore finishes his memorable retreat, and enters Corunna, 1809.

The master of superstition is the people; and in all superstitions wise men follow fools.—*Bacon.*

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XII. JANUARY.

St. Bernard compares contemplation to Rachel, which was the more fair; but action to Leah, which was the more fruitful.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Id. 12.	Humphrey Hody, 1659. (N.S.) *Odcombe.* Spill not the morning (which is the quintessence of the day) in recreations. For sleep itself is a recreation; add not, therefore, sauce to sauces; and he cannot properly have any title to be refreshed, who was not first faint. Pastime, like wine, is poison in the morning. It is, then, good husbandry to sow the head, which hath lain fallow all night, with some serious work. *Fuller.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Arcadius, *martyr in Africa*, c. 300. St. Benedict Biscop (or Bennet), d. *Northumberland*, 690. Sts. Tygrius and Eutropius, *Ms. at Constantinople.* St. Ælred, *Abbot of Revesby, in Yorkshire*, d. 1166.	Abbé Suger, 1152. d. *St. Denis.* Andrew Alciati, 1550. d. *Pavia.* Edward Bernard, 1696. *Oxford.* Dom. Vincent Thuillier, 1736. Joh. C. Lavater, 1801. d. *Zurich.* Sir Stephen Lushington, 1807. Joseph Marryatt, 1824. It were better for a man to be subject to any vice, than to drunkenness; for all other vanities and sins are recovered, but a drunkard will never shake off the delight of beastliness; for the longer it possesseth a man, the more he will delight in it, and the older he groweth, the more he shall be subject to it; for it dulleth the spirits, and destroyeth the body, as ivy doth the old tree; or as the worm that engendereth in the kernel of the nut. *Raleigh.*

Plato compares his master, Socrates, to an apothecary's gallipot, that had on the outside apes, owls, and satyrs; but within, precious drugs.

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XII. JANUARY.

Love and wine are the bonds that fasten us all;
The world but for these to confusion would fall:
We'd not value our lives, nor would speak without thinking,
Nor would kings rule the world, but for love and good drinking.

The Catch of Good Fellows.

Acts.

THE COMPITALIA, a festival instituted by Servius about B.C. 576, was, according to Gellius and Macrobius, observed by the Roman *slaves*, on the 12th of January, as well as on the 1st of May. The *Lares*, guardians of all the highways, were then honoured both in town and country, and each servant was permitted to forget himself and become his own master.

"If nature" (that excellent king is said to have spoken to the senate) "has made any distinction between slaves and such as are born free, we ought, indeed, to observe the order she has established, and to divide those from the rest of mankind whom she has separated from them: but, if the placing some in a state inferior to others be owing to fortune *only*, does it not become your wisdom to rectify the capricious determinations of a *blind* goddess?"

Xenophon, with the 10,000, forces a passage through the defiles of Armenia, B.C. 400.

The Horners' Company at London is incorporated, 1638.

An unaccountable darkness is remarked, at noon, in England, 1678.

Lord Chatham, writing to his nephew, at Cambridge, on this day, 1754: "*Vitanda est improba Syren, Desidia,* I desire may be affixed to the curtains of your bed, and to the walls of your chambers. If you do not rise early, you never can make any progress worth mentioning. If you do not set apart your hours of reading; if you suffer yourself, or any one else, to break in upon them; your days will slip through your hands, unprofitably and frivolously, unpraised by all you wish to please, and really unenjoyed by yourself."

Plough Monday, is the first Monday after Twelfth-tide, and fell, in 1829, on the present day; which agrees also with Old New Year's Day, formerly considered most auspicious for marriages. On that day, 1651, a lady presented her husband with the following nuptial posy:

How swiftly time doth pass away
When happiness completes the day!

In order to learn the secrets of other families, tell them those of your master; thus you will grow a favourite both at home and abroad, and be regarded as a person of importance. *Swift's Directions to Servants.*

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XIII. JANUARY.

Though the times and opportunities of such things are now past, the time of knowing them, by *reflection*, is ever present to wise men.—*Demosthenes.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Id. 13.	Mark Alex. Boyd, 1562, *Pinhill.* J. Vanderlinden, 1609, *Enckhuysen.* Antoinette Bourignon, 1616. Edw. R. Mores, 1730. *Tunstall.* Charles James Fox, 1749. The princes of the world have always laid before them the actions, but not the ends of those great men which preceded them. They are always transported with the glory of the one, but they never mind the misery of the other, till they find the experience in themselves. They neglect the advice of God, while they enjoy life or hope it; but they follow the counsel of death upon his first approach. It is he that puts into man all the wisdom of the world.—*Raleigh.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Kentigern (*surnamed* Mung-hu, or dearly beloved), *Bp. of Glasco.* d. 601. St. Veronica, *Virgin of Milan.* d. 1497.	Remigius, *Abp. of Rheims*, 533. Ethelwulf (*of England*), 858. *Winchester.* Charles the Fat (*of France*), 888. *Reichenau.* Frederick the Fair (*of Germany*), 1330. Richard II. 1400. *murdered, Pontefract.* John Alasco, 1560. d. *Poland.* Sir W. Petre, 1572. *Ingatestone.* Francis Adorne, 1586. John Bochius, 1609. d. *Antwerp.* Gen. Valette, 1642. d. *Loches.* John Claude, 1687. d. *Holland.* George Foxe, 1690. d. *London.* Frederick V. (*of Denmark*), 1766. Claude Watelet, 1786. d. *Paris.* N. de Basseville, 1793. *assassinated, Rome.* Dr. James Macknight, 1800. Robert Orme, 1801. d. *Ealing.* For a man to talk great and falsely of himself in discourse, is but to imitate, and be laughed at with, Braggadocchio in the comedy.—*Tully.*

A thrice-convicted robber is *thrice* an enemy: his cankered mouth is filled with wiles, as are his hands with the impotence of malice; until the midnight clock, an alarum to his feverish soul, *strikes* the circle of iniquity.

Golden Book.

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XIII. JANUARY.

Missiles, in manly warfare, were the invention of a feeble and predatory race.
German Sentence.

Acts.

In the Latin Church calendar this day is marked as the *Octave of the Epiphany*, and commemorates the baptism of Christ; a solemnity which appears to be kept by the Greek church on Twelfth Day; for, in 1676, the Bishop of Zante did *then* "as they call it, baptize the sea, with a great deal of ceremony; sprinkling their gallies and fishingtackle with holy water." It is also New Year's Day, by the Greek and Russian supputation of time.

The thirteenth day (the Ides) of this month the Roman people set apart for the trumpeters, dressed in the habits of women, to make publications through the city.—*See 15th March.* The present day was likewise anciently devoted to the honour of those brave soldiers who *rallied*, under Romulus, in an action against the Sabines.

Octavius Cæsar is dignified, B. C. 27, with the surname of *Augustus.*

The Tartars, under Tamerlane, pillage the imperial city of Delhi, and on the 15th wantonly massacre the *entire* Indian population, 1399.

In 1404 (on the *morrow* of St. Hilary) it was enacted, by the shortest act of parliament on the statute-rolls, that "none (referring to the chymists) from henceforth shall use to *multiply* gold and silver, or use the *craft* of multiplication; and if any the same do, he shall incur the pain of felony." It was repealed 1 William and Mary.

Sir Philip Sidney is knighted (Sunday), 1583; the same day that an earthquake was felt in Dorsetshire, which removed a large piece of ground.

Hesiod teaches to plant, and not to sow, upon this day;

> "Not ev'ry plant on ev'ry soil will grow;
> The sallow loves the wat'ry ground, and low;
> The fens, the alders: Nature seems t' ordain
> The rocky cliff for the wild ashes reign;
> The baleful yew to northern blasts assigns,
> To shores the myrtles, and to mounts the vines."—*Georgicks.*

The Hilary Terms are appointed to commence, at Cambridge on this, and on the day following at Oxford; and to conclude with the Friday and Saturday next before Palm Sunday.

What is done well enough, is done quick enough.—*Augustus.*

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XIV. JANUARY.

Some Days, like surly step-dames, adverse prove,
Thwart our intentions, cross whate'er we love;
Others more fortunate and lucky shine,
And, as a tender Mother, bless what we design.—*Hesiod.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIX. Cal. Feb. 14.	Shakerley Marmion, 1602, *Aynho.* John Evelyn, 1654, *Sayes-Court.* Rob. Price, 1654, *Caer-y-Druidion.* Joseph Boyse, 1660, *Leeds.* Alderman Skinner, 1737. Sir William Curtis, 1752. J. P. Brissot, 1754, *Ouaroille.* Let it suffice to name a Boadicea; and if her endeavours did not meet with the success of an Alexander, a Cæsar, or a Charles of Sweden, in his fortunate days, her courage and conduct were such as render her worthy to be considered equal, if not superior, to them all.—*Sophia's modest Vindication of Woman.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Felix, *of Nola*, d. 3d Cent. St. Isaias and Sabbas, *Ms. in Arabia*, 273. St. Barbasceminus, and his Companions, *Ms. in Persia*, 346. St. Hilary, *Bp. of Poitiers*. d. 368.	Bp. (Tho.) Beckington, 1465. *Wells.* Edw. Lord Bruce, 1610. *Rolls-Chapel.* Lord (Tho.) Coventry, 1640. d. *Durham House.* John Boyse, 1643. *Ely.* Madame de Sevigné, 1696. Edm. Halley, 1742. d. *Greenwich.* Stephen Souciet, 1744. d. *Paris.* Bp. Berkeley, 1753. *Oxford.* Dr. Edward Harwood, 1794. H. Hasted, 1812. d. *Corsham.* An antiquary is a great time-server, but it is of time out of mind, to which he conforms exactly, but is wholly retired from the present. He has so strong a natural affection to any thing that is old, that he may truly say to dust and worms, *you are my father*, and to rottenness, *thou art my mother*. All his curiosities take place of one another according to their seniority, and he values them not by their abilities, but their standing.—*Butler.*

Make a point never so clear, it is great odds, that a man whose habits, and the bent of whose mind lie a contrary way, shall be unable to comprehend it. So weak a thing is reason in competition with inclination. *Berkeley.*

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XIV. JANUARY.

Beautiful, yes! none denies it; beauty were a lovely thing,
Were it not so false and fleeting, had it not a fluttering wing.
'Tis a passing shadow only, 'tis a flow'ret born to die.

Spanish Poet.

Acts.

THIS day of the month was considered by the Greeks as the *star-day*, and the most propitious for the birth of WOMEN. It naturally presides over three virtues; beauty, patience, and kindness, a little knot that binds the world.—*See 14th day of each month.*

St. Hilary's day (a festival which belongs to the 13th January in our English calendars) is, upon an average, the coldest day in the year. In 1205 a frost began on this day, which endured for more than two months; and it was *then*, 1820, that the Society for relieving the Houseless was founded in London.

Henry III. the weakest of our kings, espouses Eleanor of Provence; who, six days after, was crowned with great splendour, 1236.

Francis I. of France is conveyed from the place of his captivity in Italy to Madrid, where, on this day, 1525, he signs a disadvantageous treaty, which he afterwards infringed, under the Pope's absolution.

In 1734-5 (O. S.) Dr. Gmelin observes that the thermometer at Yeneseisk, in Siberia, fell to—120° of Fahrenheit's scale. The foggy air was in a state of fixation, so that smoke had no passage, and the birds dropped frozen to the ground.

The Pope issues his edict against the assemblies of Freemasons, under penalty of the rack and condemnation to the gallies, 1739.

In All Souls' College, Oxford, a custom is occasionally observed on this day; that of keeping the *Mallard Night*, in remembrance of the discovery of a very large mallard, in a drain, when digging for the foundation of the college. At the celebration, an old song, called "The swapping, swapping mallard," is always introduced.

I highly approve of the *intent* of Pythagoras's injunction (writes Lord Chatham on this day); which is, to dedicate the first parts of life to hear and to learn; and not to be presuming, and flippant, and thus expose the nakedness and emptiness of the mind, like a house opened to company before it is furnished either with necessaries, or with ornaments, for their reception and entertainment.

I am ignorant of any one quality that is amiable in a man, which is not equally so in a woman: I do not except even modesty and gentleness of nature. Nor do I know one vice, or folly, which is not equally detestable in both.

Letter to a Young Lady on her Marriage.

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XV. JANUARY.

Be in peace with many; nevertheless, have but one counsellor of a thousand.
Panaretos.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVIII Cal. 15.	Christian Kortholt, 1633, *Burg.* Lewis Dutens, 1730, *Tours.* Dr. S. Parr, 1747, o.s. *Harrow.* Dr. John Aikin, 1747, *Kibworth.* Gen. Sir B. Leighton, 1747. I read with disgust, the mutual reproaches of Romanists and Protestants, as they are called; and in conversing with English divines, I often resist their attacks upon the church of Rome, even in events, which have long ago passed away. **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Paul, *the first Hermit*, d. *Egypt*, 342. St. Isidore, *of Scété*, c. 390. St. Isidore *of Alexandria*. d. 403. St. Main, *a British Bishop.* St. John Calybite, d. *Constant.* 5th Century. St. Ita (or Mida,) *V. of Waterford*, d. 569. St. Maurus, *of Anjou* (the root of the noble family of Seymour), d. 584. St. Bonitus (or Bonet), d. *Lyons*, 710.	Sergius Galba, *assassinated*, A.D. 69. Father Paul (Sarpi), 1623. Bishop (John) Cosin, 1672. *Auckland.* Sir Philip Warwick, 1683. Richard Boyle, Earl of Burlington, 1698. Robert, Count of St. Germain, 1778. John Landen, 1790. d. *Milton.* The Roman empire more resembled the extravagant passions and ravings of the Titans, which the poets speak of, when it was torn to pieces by rebellion, and turned its arms against itself; not so much through the ambition of the emperors, as the avarice and licentiousness of the soldiers, who drove out one emperor by another.—*Plutarch, in Galbâ.*

Depth in philosophy, which can behold the chain of second causes confederate and linked together, must needs fly to Providence and Deity. *Bacon.*

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XV. JANUARY.

Labour was the son of Necessity, the nursling of Hope, and the pupil of Art; he had the strength of his mother, the spirit of his nurse, and the dexterity of his governess, and came down upon earth to oppose the devastations of Famine.

Johnson.

Acts.

THE fifteenth day of the month *Shebat* began the years of trees, when the Jews were first permitted to eat the fruit of them, after being planted three years.—*Lev.* xix. 23.

An ancient Roman festival was kept on this day in honour of Postverta and Porrima, sisters of the prophetess *Carmenta*, supposed to preside over teeming women. She was the Themis of the Greeks, and the mother of Evander, and received sacrifices the same day, with her companions.

The violent storm, with a south-west wind, recorded by Walsingham, and other historians, and mentioned also in the *Visions of Pierce Ploughman*, happened on the evening, of this day (Saturday), 1362.

Elizabeth, of *lion-port, and awe-commanding face*, is crowned, 1559.

Col. Coote takes and demolishes the settlement of Pondicherry, 1761.

The libertine Masquerade is introduced into Scotland, 1773.

Burns writes from Lochlee to Mr. Murdoch, at Staple's Inn, his *indulgent father, and teacher*, 1783: "I seem to be sent into the world to see and observe; and I very easily compound with the knave who tricks me of my money, if there be any thing original about him which shows me human nature in a different light from any thing I have seen before. 'Tis incongruous, 'tis absurd, to suppose that the man whose mind glows with sentiments, lighted up at *their* sacred flame [Thomson, Mackenzie, Sterne, Ossian, and Shenstone]; whose heart distends with benevolence to all the human race; he 'who can soar above this little scene of things', can descend to mind the paltry concerns about which the terræ-filial race fret, and fume, and vex themselves.—I forget that I am a poor insignificant devil, unnoticed and unknown, stalking up and down fairs and markets, reading a page or two of mankind."

Sir William Jones founds the Asiatic Society, at Calcutta, 1784, an *act* ever to be remembered in the diaries of science; but this day is rendered doubly illustrious by the *donation*, from THE SOVEREIGN, in 1823, of the Royal Library, containing 120,000 volumes, for the benefit of the British Nation, and the advancement of our Literature.

Pride and roughness may turn one's humour, but flattery turns one's stomach.

Sir William Temple.

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XVI. JANUARY.

Each test, and every light, his muse will bear,
Though Epictetus with his lamp were there.—*Dryden.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVII. Cal. 16.	Edmund Crouchback, 1245. Rich. Savage, 1697, *Fox-court.* He was very little disturbed at the marks of contempt which his ill fortune brought upon him, from those whom he never esteemed, and with whom he never considered himself as levelled by any calamities; and though it was not without some uneasiness that he saw some, whose friendship he valued, change their behaviour; he yet was more inclined to despise them, than to lament himself.—*Life of Savage.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Marcellus (Pope), d. 310. St. Macarius, the elder, *of Egypt*, d. 390. St. Honoratus, *Abp. of Arles*, d. 429. St. Fursey, *Abbot in Ireland*, d. c. 650. Saints, the five Friars, *Ms. at Morocco*, 1220. St. Henry, *Hermit of Northumberland*, d. 1127.	Bp. Rufus de Belmeis, 1127. *St. Osyth.* Edward, Earl of Lincoln, 1585. *Windsor.* Edmund Spenser, 1599. *Abbey.* Dudley, Lord North, 1666. Oliver Patru, 1681. R. Nelson, 1715. *Kensington.* F. M. Misson, 1721. d. *London.* S. Aug. Souciet, 1744. John Lewis, 1747. *Thanet.* Miss Hill Boothby, 1756. Dr. John Leland, 1766. Paul Henry Maty, 1787. Edward Gibbon, 1794. *Fletching.* Sir John Moore, 1809. k. *Elvina.* Charles Lloyd, 1828. We shall best honour the dead by extending our protection to the living;—we must assist and defend their widows, protect and honour their parents, embrace and cherish their orphans. *Lysias.*

You will discharge yourself best of your duty to your friends, if you do not wait till they apply to you; but freely, and of your own accord, relieve and assist them when occasion requires. *Isocrates.*

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XVI. JANUARY.

No useless coffin confin'd his breast,
Nor in sheet, nor in shroud, we bound him;
But he lay, like a warrior taking his rest,
With his martial cloak around him.—*Wolfe.*

Acts.

THIS day the Roman citizens dedicated to the goddess *Concord.*

William de Hamilton, Dean of York, is appointed Chancellor of England, 1305.

Columbus sails from Haïti for Europe on this day, and arriving at Palos, 15th of March, 1493, he completes his first American adventure.

An act of parliament is passed in 1542, which declares that "It shall be felony to practise, or cause to be practised, conjuration, witchcraft, enchantment, or sorcery, to get money; or to consume any person in his body, members, or goods; or to provoke any person to unlawful love; or for the despite of Christ, or lucre of money, to pull down any cross; *or to declare where goods stolen be.*" Another curious piece of wisdom is pronounced by the senate, held on the same day, in the following year, prohibiting any "woman, or artificers' prentices, journeymen, servingmen, of the degree of yeomen, or under, husbandmen, or labourers, *to read the New Testament in* ENGLISH."

Thomas Harriot begins to observe the positions and revolutions of the satellites of the planet Jupiter, 1610.

Lady Montagu writes to her sister from Vienna, 1717: "I forgot to tell you one curiosity in all the German courts, which I cannot forbear taking notice of: all the princes keep favourite *dwarfs.* The emperor and empress have two of these little monsters, as ugly as devils, especially the female; but they are all bedaubed with diamonds, and stand at her majesty's elbow in all public places. I am told the King of Denmark has so far improved upon this fashion, that his dwarf is his chief minister. I can assign no reason for their fondness of these pieces of deformity, but the opinion all the absolute princes have, that it is below them to converse with the rest of mankind; and, not to be quite alone, they are forced to seek their companions among the refuse of human nature."

Admiral Rodney defeats the Spanish fleet off Cape St. Vincent, 1780.

The bean-fed friars in 1790 are ejected from their convents by an Augean labour of the French Revolution.

The battle of Corunna and death of Sir John Moore.—*See Deaths.*

I am not the first admiral of my family: let them call me what they may. David was once a shepherd, and I serve the same God who placed him upon the throne. *Columbus.*

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XVII. JANUARY.

His virtues walk'd their narrow round,
Nor made a pause, nor left a void;
And sure the eternal Master found
His single talent well employ'd.—*Lines on Levett.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVI. Cal. 17.	B. de Montfaucon, 1655, *Saulage.* Anth. de la Motte, 1672, *Paris.* Arch. Bower, 1686, *Dundee.* B. Franklin, 1706, *Boston, N. A.* George Lord Lyttelton, 1709. Francis Gossec, 1733, *Vergniers.* Victor Alfieri, 1749, *Asti.*	Caius Marius, B. C. 86. *Rome.* Theodosius the Great, A.D. 395. d. *Milan.* Dagobert III. (*of Neustria*), 715. George Scanderbeg, 1467. *Lissa.* R. Fermor, 1553. *Eston-Neston.* Philip de Neri, 1556. *Florence.* J. Alvarez *de Paz*, 1620. Went. Earl of Roscommon, 1684. *Abbey.* John Ray, 1705. *Black Notley.* Jabez Hughes, 1731. G. Byng, Lord Torrington, 1733. Sir Robert Monro, 1746. *killed, Falkirk.* Robert Levett, 1782. *Bridewell.* Bp. (G.) Horne, 1792. *Eltham.* Anquetil du Perron, 1805. d. *Paris.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Anthony, *Patriarch of Monks*, d. *Egypt*, 356. Sts. Speusippus, Eleusippus, and Meleusippus, (three twin brothers) *Martyrs in Cappadocia.* St. Sulpicius (the severe), *Abp. of Bourges*, d. 591. St. Nennius (or Nennidhius), *Abbot in Ulster*; 6th Century. St. Sulpicius, (*le débonnaire,*) *Abp. of Bourges*, 644. St. Milgithe (or Milvida), *V. of Kent*, 7th Century.	To do an ill action, is base; to do a good one, which involves you in no danger, is nothing more than common; but it is the property of a good man, to do great and good things, though he risks every thing by it. *Marius.*

Scarcely have I ever heard or read the introductory phrase, "*I may say without vanity,*" but some striking and characteristic instance of vanity has immediately followed. *Franklin.*

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XVII. JANUARY.

The feeble eyes of our aspiring thoughts
Behold things present, and record things past;
But things to come exceed our human reach,
And are not painted yet in angels' eyes.—*Peele.*

Arts.

MARTIN LUTHER preached at Wittemberg his final sermon, 1546.

George Peele, the scholar, the poet, the wit, and, in every *sense*, the actor, after revelling in all the license of an age unparalleled in this country for the variety and extent of talent, as well as the *vices* it engendered, in the extremity of age, disease, remorse, and poverty, the scorn of those who, by report or experience, were familiar with his life, deserted by most of his friends and associates, and written down by the rivals of his quill, is now, in 1596, reduced literally to his *last* shift. Lord Burleigh, who at no period had distinguished himself as a patron of *divinity*, in verse, and being, also, on the verge of his temporal career, would be the least likely to remember that such a thing as the "*Tale of Troy*" had ever been syllabled, in the household phrase, and stood a ten years' battery of the public finger. This stale book, therefore, of five hundred lines, our wretched poet resolved to dedicate, as something *new*, to his lordship; and on the present day it was presented by *necessity's servant*, his daughter, who, if the "merry jests" be true, was *all part of her father*, and a most *conceited wench*. The Epistle is couched in a strain of clumsy adulation; but there is one passage, "long sickness having so enfeebled me maketh *bashfulness* almost become impudency," which seems to realize the trope of Gray, that *even in our ashes live their wonted fires*; for the boldest of rogues did not long survive this stroke of deception—he was assuredly dead in 1598, the bitter sport, both in his person and writings, of insolence, want, and revenge.

The uncommon phenomenon of a *lunar* rainbow (iris lunaris) is observed for an hour at Wakefield on the night of this day, 1806.

Æsop's pretty allegories, stealing under the formal tales of beasts, make many more beastly than beasts, begin to bear the sound of virtue from those dumb speakers. *Sidney.*

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XVIII. JANUARY.

I looked back upon all the passages and occurrences of the old year, as a traveller looks back upon a wilderness, through which he has passed with weariness and sorrow of heart, reaping no other fruit of his labour than the poor consolation, that, dreary as the desert was, he left it all behind him.

Cowper, in dit.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
xv. Cal. 18.	Marq. de Louvois, 1641, *Paris.* Lady Masham, 1658, *Cambridge.* Ch. Montesquieu, 1689, *Brede.* Lionel, Duke of Dorset, 1689.	St. Anastasius, *Patriarch of Alexandria*, 373. Benedict X. (Antipope), 1059. Margaret (*of Hungary*), 1271. Amurath III. (Emperor), 1596. Cha. le Cointe, 1681. d. *Paris.* Arcangelo Corelli, 1713. *Rome.* Sir Sam. Garth, 1719. *Harrow.* Pr. Clementina, 1735. d. *Rome.* J. Baskerville, 1775. *Wolverley.* Sir J. Pringle, 1782. d. *London.* Dumiter Raduly, 1782. d. *Haromszeek*, aged 140. John Duncombe, 1785. Bp. Egerton, 1787. *St. James's.* W. B. Cadogan, 1797. *Reading.* Sir George Staunton, 1801. Aug. Darquier, 1802. d. *Toulouse.* Peter Mareschal, 1803. d. *Paris.* Abp. Moore, 1805. *Lambeth.* Lyon Levy, 1810. *killed, Monument Yard.*

Even natural light reveals the blackness of wrong; and that religion shines but dimly, that does not discover it. They wound religion to the quick that, slighting its practice, show it to the world with adulterated spots.—*Feltham.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Paul, and 36 Companions, *Martyrs in Egypt.*
St. Prisca, *Virgin, M. at Rome*, 275. *(See Eng. Church Cal.)*
St. Deicolus (or St. Deel), *of Ireland*, d. 625.
St. Ulfrid (or Wolfred) *of England, Martyr*, 1028.

This is the English, not the Turkish court; not Amurath an Amurath succeeds, but Harry Harry.—*King Henry IV.*

Be merry and wise.—*Lycurgus.*

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XVIII. JANUARY.

There are four little people upon the earth which are exceeding wise; the ants that prepare their meat in the summer; the conies that make their houses in the rocks; the locusts that go forth orderly in bands; and the spider that taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces. *Agur.*

Acts.

THIS is the day of the festival of ST. PETER'S CHAIR, at Rome, *la festa di Cattedra*, observed with great splendour by the Latin church. The martyrdom was under Nero, that monster in blood and profligacy.

Henry VII. of England espouses the Princess Elizabeth of York, and unites the two Roses, 1486. The chapel which this king founded at Westminster was consecrated on the same day, 1502.

The Tragedy of "*Gorboduc, or Ferrex and Porrex,*" written by Thomas, Lord Sackville, is represented at Whitehall, 1561; a period that has been justly named, by a pleasing female annalist, *the birthday of the English Drama.*

"Oh where is ruth; or where is pity now?
Whither is gentle heart and mercy fled?
Are they exiled out of our stony breasts,
Never to make return? is all the world
Drowned in blood, and sunk in cruelty?
If not in woman mercy may be found,
If not, alas! within the mother's breast,
To her own child, to her own flesh and blood;
If ruth be banished thence, if pity there
May have no place, if there no gentle heart
Do live and dwell, where should we seek it then?"—*Gorboduc.*

Beattie writing to Sir W. Forbes, 1780;—"It gives me great pain to hear of the fate of poor Cook. I lately read his voyage for the second time; and considered him, not only as an excellent writer, an able philosopher, and the most consummate navigator that ever lived, but also as a person of the greatest magnanimity, modesty, and humanity. He was, indeed, one of my greatest favourites; and I look upon his death as an irreparable loss to his country and to mankind."—This latter sentence should be engraved in golden characters, as it tells us temperately, what few, properly, have comprehended, respecting the services of Capt. Cook, who was (in deed, and seriously,) *a vast philanthropist.*

Dread o'er the scene, the ghost of Hamlet stalks;
Othello rages; poor Monimia mourns;
And Belvidera pours her soul in love.—*Thomson.*

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XIX. JANUARY.

Nature that gave the Bee so feat a grace,
To gather honey of such wondrous fashion,
Hath taught the Spider, out of the same place,
To fetch a poison, by strange alteration.—*Surrey.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIV. Cal. 19.	Nich. Copernicus, 1472, *Thorn.* Phil. Baratier, 1721, *Schwoback.* Sir John Jervis, 1734, *Meaford.* James Watt, 1736, *Greenock.* The whole process of cunning is privative; to say nothing, and to do nothing, is the utmost of its reach. Yet men, thus narrow by nature, and mean by art, are sometimes able to rise by the miscarriages of bravery and the openness of integrity. *Idler* in diê. **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Maris, Martha, Audifax, and Abachum, *Ms. at Rome*, 270. St. Lomer (or Laudomarus), d. *Chartres*, 593. St. Blaithmac, *Abbot in Scotland, Martyr*, 793. St. Canutus (or Knut), *King of Denmark*, M. 1086. St. Wulstan, *Bp. of Worcester*, d. 1095. St. Henry of England, *Martyr in Finland*, 1151.	Dagobert, the Great, 639. *St. Denis.* Robert (*of Naples*), 1343. Henry, E. of Surrey, *beh.* 1547. John Sachs, 1578. *Nuremberg.* Henry, Earl of Pembroke, 1601. *Salisbury.* Charles, Earl of Dorset, 1706. d. *Bath.* Rene Massuet, 1716. d. *St. Maur.* Wm. Congreve, 1729. *Abbey.* Peter II. (*of Russia*), 1730. Thos. Ruddiman, 1757. *Edinb.* Dr. Wm. S. Powell, 1775. S. Gazon-Dourxigné, 1784. Jonathan Toup, 1785. *Exeter.* M. P. Bouvart, 1787. d. *Paris.* This lady is the most exact economist, without appearing busy; the most strictly virtuous, without tasting the praise of it; and shuns applause with as much industry, as others do reproach.—*Congreve's Aspasia.*

Every man is the architect of his own fortune.—*Appius.*

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XIX. JANUARY.

Wisdom for a man's self is the wisdom of rats, that will be sure to leave a house sometime before it fall: it is the wisdom of the fox, that thrusts out the badger, who digged and made room for him: it is the wisdom of crocodiles, that shed tears when they would devour. *Bacon.*

Acts.

The Emperor, Flavius Theodosius, surnamed *the Great*, from the magnitude of his exploits, is invested with the imperial purple, after the destruction of Valens by the Goths, 379.

Robert Bruce plunders and destroys the town of Perth, N. S. 1312.

Henry V. of England, enters Rouen, 1420, "followed by a page mounted on a beautiful horse, bearing a lance, at the end of which, near the point, was fastened *a fox's brush*, by way of streamer," which seemed to indicate to the astonished citizens, that the victor-monarch would sweep his crafty opposers from their holds and fastnesses.

Ben Jonson, now, alas! feeble and bed-rid, produces the last and least of its glorious race, his comedy of the *New Inn*, 1630, which, "was driven from the stage, and pursued with brutal hostility by his ungenerous and unrelenting enemies." This remark of that severe critic, but warm-hearted man, the late Mr. Gifford, must be weighed in the balance of human nature, and we shall then perhaps find, that detraction will always follow at the heel of arrogance, and that neither genius, adversity, nor rank, can furnish a screen against it.

Sir W. Trumbull adopts, as a birth-day poem, 1716, these verses of Pope, from Martial's epigram on Antonius Primus:—

At length, my friend (while time with still career
Wafts on its gentle wing his eightieth year),
Sees his past days safe out of fortune's power,
Nor dreads approaching fate's uncertain hour;
Reviews his life, and in the strict survey
Finds not one moment he could wish away,
Pleased with the series of each happy day.
Such, such a man extends his life's short space,
And from the goal again renews the race:
For he lives twice, who can at once employ
The present well, and e'en the past enjoy.

Lord Wellington storms and captures Ciudad Rodrigo, a Spanish town near the borders of Portugal, 1812.

He whom fortune has never failed rarely reflects upon her inconstancy. *Hannibal.*

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XX. JANUARY.

And on sweet St. Agnes' night,
Please you with the promis'd sight,
Some of husbands, some of lovers,
Which an empty dream discovers.—*Ben Jonson.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIII. Cal. 20.	Frederick, Prince of Wales, 1707, *Hanover.* J. J. Barthelemi, 1716, *Cassis.*	Louis II. (*of Germany*), 882. Eusebius *of Strigonium*, 1270. Peter Bembo, 1547. *Bergamo.* Rodolph II. (Emperor), 1612. Claude Menard, 1652. Humphrey Hody, 1706. *Oxford.* Chas. D. of Manchester, 1722. Andr. Tooke, 1731. *Chartreuse.* Charles VII. (Emperor), 1745. John Hervey, E. of Bristol, 1751. Sir James Fergusson, 1759. Ste. de Silhouette, 1767. d. *Bry.* Charles (Lord Chan.) Yorke, 1770. David Garrick, 1779. *Abbey.* John Howard, 1790. *Cherson.* Charles IV. (*of Spain*), 1819. d. *Naples.* Charles L. Clerisseau, 1820.

If Shakspeare were stripped of all the bombast in his passions, and dressed in the most vulgar words, we should find the beauties of his thoughts remaining; if his embroideries were burnt down, there would still be silver at the bottom of the melting-pot: but I fear that we, who ape his sounding words, have nothing of his thought, but are all outside; there is not so much as a dwarf within our giant's clothes.—*Dryden.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Fabian, Pope, *M. d.* 250. (*See Engl. Church Calendar.*)
St. Sebastian, *M. at Rome*, 288.
St. Euthymius, d. *Palestine*, 473.
St. Fechin, *Abbot in Ireland*, d. 664.

The generality of women of fashion make use of a superfine stucco, or plaster of Paris highly glazed, which does not require a daily renewal, and will stand a pretty strong collision.
Chesterfield.

It is the very criterion of true manhood to *feel* those impressions of sorrow, which it endeavours to resist; and to admit not to be above the want of consolation.
Pliny the Younger.

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XX. JANUARY.

As all human things have an end, so that beautiful system of liberty, the British Constitution, will perish, when the legislative power shall be more corrupted than the executive. *Montesquieu.*

Acts.

The first English Parliament assembles, devised, as a recent historian appears to corroborate, for the purpose of extending the influence, and procuring support to the projects of Montfort, Earl of Leicester, 1265.

Matthew Hale, Hugh Peters, John Rushworth, Sir Anthony Ashley Cooper, Major Desborough, and others, are appointed of the Committee to consider of the *reformation of the law*, 1652.

Great Britain acknowledges the *Independence* of her Colonies in North America, 1783.

Sir Philip Francis writes to Mr. George Thicknesse, Master of St. Paul's School, 1785: "Though I condemn myself for neglect, believe me, I have never ceased to think of you, as of my friend and benefactor. You have the best claim to my gratitude, and a right to every service in my power. The idea of your being forced to quit a house which, I am told, you find comfortable, makes me very uneasy; and you will do me a very great favour, if you will allow me to obviate the necessity of a step which, I seriously believe, you would not feel more than I should. For the purpose of answering these last taxes, I have taken the liberty of enclosing to you a bank note of twenty pounds, which, in future, as long as you and I live, you shall regularly receive in the beginning of every year. I entreat you not to refuse this little mark of my gratitude and affection for you; and much more earnestly do I entreat you, not to attribute this offer to any motive that ought to disincline you to me."

The fifth month *Pluviôse* of the French Revolutionary Calendar began, retrospectively, on this day, 1793, which was the first current year of the Republic.—*See* 22nd *September*. It is about the same day that the sun enters the imaginary sign *Aquarius*, or the water-bearer, an ancient emblem in the personifications of the present month.

A grand Requiem is performed for the service of Louis XVI. at Paris, composed for wind instruments only, by M. Robert Bochsa, 1815.

This day, in the Calendar of Hesiod, is most propitious for the birth of *men*.

A grateful always is a generous mind.—*Hawkesworth.*

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XXI. JANUARY.

The ruin or prosperity of a state depends so much upon the administration of its government, that, to be acquainted with the merit of a ministry, we need only observe the condition of the people. ***Junius, in diè.***

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
XII. Cal. 21.	Isaac H. Browne, 1706, *Burton.* Louis Anquetil, 1723, *Paris.* Ludwig Geyer, 1780, *Eisleben.*	St. Maximus (of Constant.), 663. Louis IV. *the Child* (Emp.), 911. Dr. Walter Haddon, 1572. *Lond.* Wm. Lord Howard of Effingham, 1573. Joseph Scaliger, 1609. *Leyden.* Nicholas Menard, 1644. John Digby, E. of Bristol, 1653. O. Walker, 1699. *St. Pancras.* Adrian Baillet, 1706. d. *Paris.* John Maria Lancisi, 1720. Francis Pagi, 1721. Dr. Bern. de Mandeville, 1733. Joseph Fr. Nollikins, 1748. James Quin, 1766. *Bath.* Alexis Piron, 1773. Mustapha III. 1774. *Constant.* Pugatscheff, beh. 1775. *Moscow.* Louis XVI. *guill.* 1793. *Paris.* C. M. Wieland, 1813. d. *Weimar.* *J. H. Bern. de* St. Pierre, 1814.

People of fashion will please to *forget nature as much as possible;* such as, laughing at a merry, or crying at a moving tale; being themselves happy with happiness, or sad with sorrow; being pleased with the attentions of others, or pleasing others by their attentions; in short, a great many sincerities which the winter always kills, among people of fashion, in a town.—*Lounger,* in diê.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Fructuosus and his companions, *Ms. at Tarragon,* 259.

St. Agnes, Virgin, *M. at Rome,* c. 305.—*(See Eng. Ch. Cal.)*

St. Epiphanius, *Bishop of Pavia,* d. 5th Century.

St. Vimin (or Vivian), *Bp. in Scotland,* d. c. 615.

St. Publius, *2nd Bp. of Athens, Martyr.*

When I did hear the motley fool thus moral on the time, I did laugh, sans intermission, an hour by his dial.

As You Like It.

One man lies stretch'd upon this mortal bier,
Yet more than twenty tongues are silenced here.

Triller, on Scaliger's Grave.

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XXI. JANUARY.

Truth and reason are common to every one, and are no more his who spake them first, than his who speaks them after. *Montaigne.*

Acts.

THE plague breaks out at Edinburgh, 1647. The last they had, says a gossip of the time, raged so violently, that the fortieth man or woman lives not of those that dwelt there four years since, but it is all peopled with new faces.

The shade of *Junius* appears in the political horizon this day, 1769.

"It seems I am a partisan of the great leader of the opposition. If the charge had been a reproach, it should have been better supported. I did not intend to make a public declaration of the respect I bear *Lord Chatham.* I well knew what unworthy conclusions would be drawn from it. But I am called upon to deliver my opinion; and surely it is not in the little censure of Mr. Horne to deter me from doing signal justice to a man who, I confess, has grown upon my esteem. As for the common sordid views of avarice, or any purpose of vulgar ambition, I question whether the applause of Junius would be of service to Lord Chatham. My vote will hardly recommeud him to an increase of his pension, or to a seat in the cabinet. But, if his ambition be upon a level with his understanding—if he judges of what is truly honourable for himself, with the same superior genius which animates and directs him to eloquence in debate, to wisdom in decision, even the pen of Junius shall contribute to reward him. Recorded honours shall gather round his monument, and thicken over him. It is a solid fabric, and will support the laurels that adorn it. I am not conversant in the language of panegyric. These praises are extorted from me; but they will wear well, for they have been dearly earned."—*Who is Junius,* is not an idle question at the present day, for it seems the secret is worth keeping; and, indeed, if he were a man of rank and influence, as is universally supposed, there are descendants, relatives, connections, which hitherto may have required the protecting hand of oblivion; but many lamps are already extinguished, and others have long been burning, so that in all human probability a little climacteric, or even a ternary of years, will unfold the mystery, in good time to supply the Russells, or the house of Manners, with at least one able and fearless historian.

That famous letter to Lord Mansfield appeared the same day, 1772.

No man can be secret, except he give himself a little scope of dissimulation, which is as it were but the skirts, or train of secrecy. *Bacon.*

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XXII. JANUARY.

And none did love him—though to hall and bower
He gather'd revellers from far and near:
He knew them flatt'rers of the festal hour;
The heartless parasites of present cheer.—*Childe Harold.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XI. Cal. 22.	Francis Lord Bacon, 1561, *York House.* Sir Robert Cotton, 1570, *Denton.* P. Gassendi, 1592, *Chantersier.* J. J. Brucker, 1696, *Augsburg.* Vincent Houdry, 1631, *Tours.* Gotthold Lessing, 1729, *Kametz.* G. Lord Byron, 1788, *London?*	Timothy, A. D. 97. d. *Ephesus.* Paschal II. (Pope), 1118. Peter Doria (*of Genoa*), k. 1380. Edward, Duke of Somerset, *beheaded*, 1552. Jas. Duke of Chatelherault, 1575. Louis Duret, 1586. d. *Paris.* Capt. James le Maire, 1617. Claude Ballin, 1678. d. *Paris.* Earl of Shaftesbury, 1683. d. *Amsterdam.* Peter Pautre, 1744. d. *Paris.* Matt. Concanen, 1749. d. *London.* Ph. Moore, 1783. *Isle of Man.* George Stevens, 1800. *Poplar.*

There happened in my time one noble *speaker*. No member of his speech but consisted of his own graces. His hearers could not cough, or look aside from him, without loss. He commanded where he spoke; and had his judges angry and pleased at his devotion. No man had their affections more in his power. The fear of every man that heard him was, lest he should make an end.—*Jonson's Discoveries.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Vincent, *M. at Valencia*, 304. (*See Engl. Church Calendar.*)

St. Anastasius, *M. in Assyria*, 628.

We cannot think of fortresses of war without admitting images of danger; but we range delighted and jocund through the gay apartments of the palace, because nothing is impressed by them on the mind but joy and festivity. Such is the difference between great and amiable characters; with protectors we are safe, with companions we are happy.

Rambler, in diê.

Know thyself. We labour hard to publish our abilities and conceal our infirmities. *Raleigh.*

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XXII. JANUARY.

There is no doctrine will do good, where nature is wanting. Some wits are swelling and high, others low and still; some hot and fiery, others cold and dull: one must have a bridle, the other a spur. *Jonson.*

Acts.

The *Catagogia*, an erotic and bacchanalian festival, was celebrated at Ephesus on this day, by its licentious devotees, about the 1st Century. Then, also, the pantomimes and shows were acted at Rome, in honour of Augustus.

Richard II. of England is married to his first wife, Anne, daughter of the Emperor Charles IV., popularly called *the good Queen Anne*, 1382.

The Windward Caribbee Island, named *St. Vincent*, was discovered by the Spaniards this day. The indigo thrives upon its rich loamy soil.

In 1644 an ordinance is passed for the reform of the University of Cambridge. The Earl of Manchester had the superintendance of this ungracious mandate, and ten heads of colleges, with sixty-five fellows, only were expelled; but upon the general's departure a more zealous committee increased the number to two hundred.

Gray writes from town to his friend Mason, 1761, "The Opera-house is crowded this year like any ordinary theatre. *Elisi* is finer than any thing that has been here in your memory: yet, as I suspect. has been finer than he is: his action is proper, and not ungraceful. We have heard nothing, since I remember operas, but eternal passages, divisions, and flights of execution: of these he has absolutely none; whether merely from judgment, or a little from age, I will not affirm; his point is expression, and to that all the graces and ornaments he inserts (which are few and short) are evidently directed: he goes higher (they say) than *Farinelli;* but then this celestial note you do not hear above once in a whole opera; and he falls from this altitude at once to the mellowest, softest, strongest tones (about the middle of his compass) that can be heard. The *Mattei*, I assure you, is much improved by his example, and by her great success this winter; but then the burlettas, and the *Paganina*, I have not been so pleased with any thing these many years: she too is fat, and above forty, yet handsome withal, and has a face that speaks the language of all nations: she has not the invention, the fire, and the variety of action that the *Spiletta* had; yet she is light, agile, ever in motion, and, above all, graceful; but then her voice, her ear, her taste in singing: Good God—as Mr. Richardson the painter says.

Melancholy is a species of ingratitude to Heaven. We should be humbly thankful for every harmless pleasure that conduces to our happiness.—*Anon.*

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Brutality is a certain roughness that shows itself in a man's whole converse and demeanour. Ask one of this savage temper, if he has seen such a person lately, he replies; *Sirrah, don't be impertinent.* If he finds a man in communion with his God, he tells him, that he *expects some gift for his pains.* He is inexorable upon the slightest offence; do but tread upon his foot, or shake his elbow in a crowd, he'll never forget you as long as he lives. *Theophrastus.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
X. Cal. 23.	St. Vincent Ferrer, 1357, *Valencia.* St. Jane de Chantal, 1573, *Dijon.* G. B. Bilfinger, 1693, *Canstadt.*	Jas. E. of Moray, *murd.* 1570, *Linlithgow.* Andrew Schott, 1629. d. *Antw.* Ph. E. of Pembroke, 1650. *Salisbury.* Ernest-Augustus (*of Hanover*), 1698. Wm. Alex. Mehegan, 1766. Wm. Caslon, 1766. *St. Luke's.* G. Moser, 1783. d. *Somerset House.* Dr. Matt. Stewart, 1785. John Cleland, 1789. William Pitt, 1806. *Abbey.* Edward Duke of Kent, 1820.

The tawny fig, among us, is very small, bears ill, and I think but a bauble: of the blue, that kind which smells most is ever the best: of the white, I know but two sorts, and both excellent; one ripe in the beginning of July, the other in the end of September, and is yellower than the first; but this is difficult to raise, though an excellent fruit.

Sir William Temple.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Emerentia, *Virgin, M. at Rome,* c. 304.
St. Clement, *of Ancyra, M.* 304.
St. Eusebius, *Abbot in Syria,* d. 4th Century.
St. Agathangelus (or Ildefonsus), *Abp. of Toledo,* d. 667.
St. John the Almoner, *Patriarch of Alex.* c. 7th Century.
St. Raymund, *of Pennafort,* 1275.

An absent man is one who, after having busied himself a long time in casting up a sum, shall inquire of another that sits by, how much the whole amounts to? In the middle of winter he rails at his servant that he did not provide *a salad;* and when informed of the death of a friend, after grieving for his loss, he presently adds, *it happened very luckily.*—*Theophrastus.*

The situation of a young and rich widow is walking blindfold upon stilts amidst precipices; though perhaps as little sensible of her danger as a child of a quarter old would be in the paws of a monkey leaping on the tiles of a house.

Lady Montagu, in dit.

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XXIII. JANUARY.

He that honoureth his mother is as one that layeth up treasure.—*Pamarstos.*

Acts.

THE twenty-third day of the month *Sebat*, was kept as a fast by the Jews, in memory of the war waged by all the ten tribes of Israel against that of Benjamin, for the outrage committed upon the person of the Levite's wife, by the men of *Gibeah*.—*Judges* xx.

Tamerlane introduces his troops within the walls of Damascus, in violation of a truce, 1401; and after levying a contribution of ten millions of gold upon the inhabitants, themselves are first massacred, and afterwards their city is reduced to ashes, in revenge of the murder, seven centuries before, of the grandson of Mahomet, by the Syrians.

Queen Elizabeth dedicates the *Royal Exchange*, (then called "Britain's Burse,") by sound of trumpet, on the afternoon of this day, 1571.

The articles of union between the Dutch provinces are signed at Utrecht by their seven deputies, 1579. This honest land was seized by the French, the same day, in 1795.

In 1759, was buried at Lichfield, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, the mother of the great Cham in letters;—an event not unworthy to be noted, as it eminently illustrates the *filial piety* of the author of "Rasselas," a work that was composed with wonderful rapidity to defray the expenses of her funeral: "You will conceive my sorrow for the loss of my mother, of the best mother. If she were to live again, surely I should behave better to her. But she is happy, and what is passed is nothing to her; and for me, since I cannot repair my faults to her, I hope repentance will efface them." Those that know a mother's tenderness—the children of Genius, in whose breasts is most *apparent* the milk of maternal endearment, as the effusions of Gray, Cowper, Pope, Hayley, and others, sufficiently testify, will prize these little bursts of nature, the *oases* of a world where Ravin and Duplicity have set up their pillars, more than all the polished labours of the learned, in which the *heart* is wanting.

The Agricultural Society commenced its sittings on this day, 1794.

The Hilary or Lent Term, in the English courts of law, commences; as also the *Candlemas Term* in Scotland. The sabbath was a juridical day until 517, in which year it was properly exempted from legal proceedings. We are indebted for the division of the year into four Terms to Edward the Confessor.

Out of the old fields cometh the new corn.—*Sir Edward Coke.*

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XXIV. JANUARY.

A monument—and planted round with shade
Of laurel ever green, and branching palm,
With all their trophies hung, and acts inroll'd
In copious legend, or sweet lyric song.—*Milton.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IX. Cal. 24.	Hadrian, A. D. 66, *Rome.* Charles, Earl of Dorset, 1637. Christian Wolfe, 1679, *Breslau.* Fred. the Great, 1712, *Berlin.* PeterBeaumarchais,1732,*Paris.* Francis Rozier, 1734, *Lyons.* Gustavus III. *of Sweden,* 1746. Wilson Lowry,1762,*Whitehaven* He was a man whose elegance and judgment were universally confessed, and whose bounty to the learned and witty was generally known. "I know not how it is," said Rochester, "but Lord Buckhurst may do what he will, yet is never in the wrong.—*Life of E. of Dorset.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Timothy (Disciple of St. Paul),*Martyr at Ephesus,* 97. St. Babylas, *Bp. of Antioch, M.* c. 250. St.Macedonius,*of Syria,*d.5th C. St. Cadocus (or Cadoc) *Abbot in Wales,* d. 6th Century. St. Suranus, *Abbot in Umbria, M.* 7th Century.	Philip (of Macedon), *assassinated,* B.C. 335. Caius Caligula, *assass.* A.D. 41. Justice Henry Yelverton, 1630. Dr. W. Holder, 1697. *St. Paul's.* Sir George Rooke, 1709. *Cant.* Philip de Vendome, 1727. Archbishop (W.) Wake, 1737. James Ralph, 1762. *Chiswick.* Edward Capell, 1781. "If," said De Witt, "I have any necessary despatches to make, I think of nothing else till those are finished: if any domestic affairs require my attention, I give myself up wholly to them till they are set in order." We often see men of dull and phlegmatic tempers arriving to great estates, by making a regular and orderly disposition of their business; and that, without it, the greatest talents and most lively imaginations, rather *puzzle* their affairs than bring them to a happy issue.—*Spectator, in dié.*

The advantages he received from his learning did not countervail the mischief he brought upon him in the exercise of his authority; so difficult it is for those to obtain the virtue that is necessary for a wise man, who have the absolute power to do what they please without control. *Josephus on Caligula.*

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All love, at first, like generous wine,
Ferments and frets until 'tis fine;
Becomes the richer still, the older,
And proves the pleasanter, the colder.—*Butler.*

Acts.

CLAUDIUS is elected Emperor on this day, A.D. 41; which was the feast of Seed-time, *feriæ sementinæ*, among the Romans.

In the journals of Dr. Swift to his *Stella* and her companion, Mrs. Dingley, are contained, for this day, the following passages:

1711.—"Morning. Come now to your letter. As for my old friends, if you mean the *Whigs*, I never see them, as you may find by my journals, except Lord Halifax, and him very seldom; Lord Somers never, since the first visit, for he has been a false, deceitful rascal. My new friends are very kind, and I have promises enough, but I do not count upon them. Your news, that Mr. St. John is going to Holland; he has no such thoughts to quit the great station he is in, nor, if he had, could I be spared to go with him. Pray God Stella's illness may not return. If they come seldom they begin to be weary: I judge by myself; for when I seldom visit I grow weary of my acquaintance. So good morrow, Madams, both."

1712.—"The Secretary made me promise to dine with him to-day, after the parliament was up; I said I would come; but I dined at my usual time, knowing the house would sit late on this great affair [the censure of the Duke of Marlborough by the ministry]. At ten, this evening, I went to the Secretary, but he was not come home: I sat with his lady till twelve, then came away; and he just came as I was gone, and he sent to my lodgings, but I would not go back."

1713.—"I was at Court to-day, and it was comical to see Lord Abercorn bowing to me, but not speaking; and Lord Selkirk the same. I dined with Lord Treasurer [Harley], and the *Saturday* club, and sat with him two hours after the rest were gone, and spoke freer to him of affairs than, I am afraid, others do, who might do more good. All his friends repine, and shrug their shoulders; but will not deal with him so freely as they ought. It is an odd business; the parliament just going to sit, and no employments given.

If I were a divine, I would remember, that in their first creation they were designed as a help for the other sex; and nothing was ever made incapable of the end of its creation. *Lady Montagu.*

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XXV. JANUARY.

He was the wren amidst the grove,
When in his homely vein;
At "Bannockburn" the bird of Jove,
With thunder in his train.—*James Montgomery.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VIII. Cal. 25.	Robert Boyle, 1627, *Lismore.* Wm. Duke of Devonshire, 1640. Paul Whitehead, 1709, *Holborn.* F. Desbillons, 1711, *Chateau-neuf.* Jos. Lagrange, 1736, *Turin.* Robt. Burns, 1759, *Doon-side.*	Chæreas, *beheaded,* A. D. 41. Aurelian, *ass.* A. D. 275. Athanaric, 381. *Constantinople.* Stephen V. (Pope), 817. Gregory IV. (Pope), 844. Bp. Flemming, 1431. *Lincoln.* Christian II. (*of Denm.*) 1559. Henry Wm. Ludolf, 1710. Sir Gilbert Heathcote, 1733. Francis Arisi, 1743. Ph. Argellati, 1755. d. *Milan.* Nich. Beauzee, 1789. d. *Paris.* Dr. Alex. Webster, 1784. *Edinb.* Dr. J. Evans, 1827. d. *Islington.*

The two chief advantages which a real acquaintance with nature brings to our minds, are, first, by instructing our understandings, and gratifying our curiosities; and next, by exciting and cherishing our devotion.

Boyle.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Juventinus and Maximinus, *Ms. at Antioch,* 363.

St. Apollo, *Abbot in Thebais,* d. c. 393.

St. Publius, *Abbot in Syria,* d. 4th Century.

St. Projectus, (or St. Prix), *Bp. of Clermont,* m. 674.

St. Poppo, *Abbot of Stavelo,* d. 1048.

Not an opera is produced on our theatres without some one or two solemn invocations to *Hope,* to be sung by lovers on the brink of despair; and in real life we have not a condemned malefactor who does not 'hope for the best,' nor an old woman expiring in an hospital, who does not comfort herself by repeating that 'while there is life there is hope.'

Looker-on, in diè.

Cowardice is the mother of cruelty: 'twas only fear made tyranny put so many to death, to secure themselves.—*King James.*

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XXV. JANUARY.

They say it is observed in the Low Countries that every five-and-thirty years the same kind and suit of years and weathers comes about again; as great frosts, great wet, great droughts, warm summers, winters with little heat, and the like; and they call it *the prime*. It is a thing I do rather mention, because, computing backward, I have found some concurrence.—*Bacon.*

Acts.

A FESTIVAL in commemoration of the miraculous *Conversion of St. Paul*, at Damascus, A. D. 37, observed both by the English and Catholic church.—It was instituted in the year 813, and first noticed in our English Calendar, 1662.

The great council meets at *Clarendon*, in which John of Oxford is president, 1164.—The marriage of Edward II. with the *beautiful* Isabella, daughter of Philip the Fair, is solemnized at Boulogne in the presence of four kings, and three queens, 1308.—It was the day also of this unhappy monarch's alleged abdication (then styled *Edward of Carnarvon*), and the commencement of his son's long and brilliant reign, 1327.

By a statute of this day, 1504, it is enacted that no man shall shoot in *a long bow* without the king's license, except he be a lord, or have two hundred mark land.

Captain Hawkins arrives at Mount's Bay, in Cornwall, from his *third* and most calamitous American expedition, 1569.

Burns writes from Ellisland to Mrs. Dunlop, 1790:—"I forget what part of Scotland had the honour of giving Falconer birth (!), but he was the son of obscurity and misfortune. He was one of those daring adventurous spirits which Scotland, beyond any other country, is remarkable for producing. Little does the fond mother think, as she hangs delighted over the sweet little leech at her bosom, where the poor fellow may hereafter wander, and what may be his fate....Allow me to give you two stanzas of an old simple ballad, which I am sure will please you. The catastrophe of the piece is a poor ruined female lamenting her fate. She concludes with this pathetic wish:

O, that the grave it were my bed;
My blankets were my winding sheet;
The clocks and the worms my bedfellows a';
And, O, sae sound as I should sleep!

Misery is like love; to speak its language truly, the author must have felt it."

'Tis the trial of a man to see if he will change his side.—*Selden.*

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XXVI. JANUARY.

Courtesy oft is sooner found in lowly sheds,
With smoky rafters, than in tap'stry halls,
In courts of princes, where it first was named.—*Comus.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VII. Cal. 26.	Lord George Sackville, 1716. J. B. Bernadotte, *Pau*, 1764. Bp. (Thomas) Middleton, 1769, *Kedleston*.	Marcian (Emperor), 457. Dr. John Bate, 1429. *York*. Henry Brigges, 1630. *Oxford*. Alice Spencer, C. of Derby, 1636. *Harefield*. Sir Samuel Tuke, 1673. d. *Somerset House*. R. Chat de Rastignac, k. 1696. John (Lord) Cutts, 1707. *Oxford*. Dr. Daniel Williams, 1716. Peter Dan. Huet, 1721. d. *Paris*. Dr. John Kennedy, 1760. J. B. Negroni (*Doge*), 1771. Frances Brooke, 1789. Dr. T. Nash, 1811. *Droitwich*. Henry Andrews, 1820. d. *Royston*. Dr. E. Jenner, 1823. *Berkeley*. Alex. Tilloch, 1825. *Islington*. Lady Caroline Lamb, 1828.

You live upon mock-turtle, and stewed beef; I dined, yesterday, upon crumpets. You sit with parish officers, caressing and caressed, the idol of the table, and the wonder of the day. I pine in the solitude of sickness, not bad enough to be pitied, and not well enough to be endured. You sleep away the night, and laugh, or scold away the day. I cough and grumble, and grumble and cough, and am disordered by very little things. Is it accident or age?—*Johnson to Mrs. Thrale, in diè.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Polycarp, *Bp. of Smyrna, M.* d. 166.
St. Paula, Widow, d. *Bethlehem*, 404.
St. Conon, *Bp. of Sodor*, d. 648.

Prophetic schemes,
And golden dreams,
May I, unsanguine, cast away!
Have what I *have*,
And live, not *leave*,
Enamour'd of the present day!
Young.

It is less difficult to feign sensations which we have not, than to conceal those which we have. *Rochefoucault.*

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XXVI. JANUARY.

I would most unwillingly do that which lay not in my power to mend.
King James.

Acts.

THE Pope confirms, by a Bull, 1564, the Decrees of the *Council of Trent.*

King James, then in his twentieth year, appeals to Elizabeth to spare the life of his mother, Mary, Queen of Scots, 1586: "What thing, Madam, can greatlier touch me in honour, that both is a king and a son, than that my nearest neighbour, being in straightest friendship with me, shall rigorously put to death a free, sovereign prince, and my natural mother." By way of justification (which was very necessary) for employing the *pen* on this occasion, a passage from James's "*Second Thoughts,*" may not improperly be inserted here: "I am unable to revenge the heinous murder committed on my dearest mother. First, in respect of my tender youth, not trained up in dexterity of arms, either to withstand injuries, or to conquer mine own right; being, at all times bygone, detained in captivity. Next, my excessive cupidity from hand to hand, from needy to needy, from greedy to greedy; having sufficient patrimony and casualty, and yet as none at all in store." Every unbiassed person must here admit the wisdom, and commiserate the situation, of James; for nothing was more certain than (at least) a perpetual captivity, had he opposed himself, in any serious shape, to the power and the spleen of the English Court.

The invaluable Library of Elias Ashmole is destroyed by fire at his chambers, in the Middle Temple, together with his collection of about 9000 coins, besides seals, charters, and other curious antiquities, 1679.

Two Cameronian women are hanged at Edinburgh, 1681, for calling the king and bishops *perjured, bloody men.*

The peace of *Carlowitz* (in Sclavonia) is concluded between Leopold I. of Austria, and Mustapha II. Emperor of the Turks, 1699, after fifteen years hostilities.

The Colonists of New South Wales effect their settlement, 1788.

In 1822 a grand ball was given, at Lisbon, to the restored King, John VI., whose son, *Don Miguel*, was present,—described by Mrs. Baillie as "a thin, slight youth, with pale and rather elegant features, from which, however, every ray of intelligence seemed banished: solemn, upright, and immovable; when once seated he had the air of a statue, or an automaton."

We seldom see a man excellent in the mathematics, languages, or heraldry, or any of those little arts, but he is as defective in greater matters.—*King James.*

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XXVII. JANUARY.

Whose power was it that encompassed the earth with air so wonderfully contrived, as at one and the same time to support clouds for rain, to afford winds for health and traffick, to be proper for the breath of animals by its spring, for causing sounds by its motion, and for transmitting light by its transparency?

Clarke.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Cal. 27.	Pius V. (Pope) 1504, *Boschi.* Dr. Thos. Willis, 1622, *Bodmin.* J.C.W. Mozart, 1756, *Saltzburg.*	Anne (*of Hungary*), 1547. Lady Cath. Grey, 1567. d. *Tower.* Sir Richard Lowther, 1607. Dr. R. Allestree, 1681. *Eton.* Dr. N. Clagett, 1727. *St. Edm.* Thos. Woolston, 1733. *K. B. Prison.* Ph. Macqueer, 1770. d. *Paris.* Admiral (Lord) Hood, 1816. Dr. C. Hutton, 1823. *Charlton.* Bp. (Edward) Legge, 1827. d. *Oxford.*

It is noted, that envy doth make a man pine, which other affections do not, because they are not so continual. It is also the vilest affection, and the most depraved; for which cause it is the proper attribute of the devil, who is called "the envious man, that soweth tares amongst the wheat, by night;" as it always happens that envy worketh subtilly, and in the dark, and to the prejudice of good things, such as is the wheat.—*Bacon.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. John Chrysostom, *Abp. of Constantinople*, 438.

St. Julian, *First Bishop of Mans*, d. 3rd Century.

St. Natalis (or St. Naal), *Abbot in Breffney*, 563.

St. Marius (or St. May), *Abbot in Dauphiny*, d. 6th century.

One of the ladies wondered that, among the features to be used in defence of their country, there was no mention made of *teeth;* upon which she smiled very charmingly, and discovered as fine a set as ever eye beheld. Another, who was a tall, lovely prude, holding up her head in a most majestic manner, said, with some disdain, she thought a *good neck* might have done his majesty as much service.

Freeholder, in diê.

The little zone of virtue lies between the two poles of confusion and horror: Atheism is the one, and Fanaticism the other. *Voltaire.*

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XXVII. JANUARY.

For modes of faith, let graceless zealots fight;
His can't be wrong, whose life is in the right:
In faith and hope the world may disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity.—*Pope.*

Acts.

THE feast of dedication, by Aulus Posthumius, dictator, of a temple to the twin knights, Castor and Pollux, on the spot near the lake *Juturna*, where they are said to have both appeared upon white horses, and assisted the Romans in the Latin war, at the battle of Regillum, B. C. 496. Their well-known acts of friendship are signified in the constellation *Gemini*, for, usually, as one sets, the other predominates.

Dante, during his absence from Florence, as ambassador to the Pope, is, by an iniquitous decree, 1302, mulcted eight thousand *lire*, and condemned, by a faction, to two years' banishment from his native city. To satisfy the fine, his house was immediately entered and pillaged; and scarcely seven weeks had elapsed, when a second decree was issued, that he, and his associates in exile, should be *burned*, if they fell into the hands of the Neri, their enemies.

In 1591, Queen Elizabeth assigns unto Sir Walter Raleigh the lease, for ninety-nine years, of Sherborne Manor, which she had obtained, but nine days before, from the bishopric of Salisbury, at the rent of two hundred pounds, sixteen shillings, and one penny. This estate was forfeited to the crown upon the knight's attainder, in 1603, and was only lost to the family by the death of Prince Henry, who, with a noble generosity, had purchased it a few months previously, in 1612, with the intention of restoring it to the original proprietor. It was *then* valued at the annual rental of eighty thousand pounds, which fell to the fortune of Carr, the king's favourite; James, as some slight atonement, giving to the wife of Raleigh (a daughter of Throckmorton) the sum of eight thousand pounds.

The *South Sea Company*, in 1719, propose their scheme to parliament for discharging the national debt, upwards of thirty millions sterling.

Pope publishes his elaborate Epistle, addressed to Lord Bathurst, *On the Use of Riches*, 1733.

When Fortune comes smiling, she often designs the most mischief.—*Raleigh.*

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XXVIII. JANUARY.

Benevolence is the beginning of friendship, just as the pleasure received through the sight is the beginning of love. *Aristoteles.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
v. Cal. 28.	Rich. Earl of Warwick, 1381, *Salwarp.* Henry VIII. 1491, *Greenwich.* John Alp. Borelli, 1608, *Naples.* John Hevelius, 1611, *Dantzic.* Richard Verney, Lord Brook, 1622, *Belton.* Claude de Boze, 1680, *Lyons.* Ch. de Condamine, 1701, *Paris.* ——— **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus, *Ms. in Phrygia,* 3rd Century. St. Cyril, *Patriarch of Alexandria,* 444. St. John, of Reomay, *Abbot in France,* d. 540. St. Paulinus, *Patriarch of Aquileia,* 804. Charlemagne, Emperor, d. 814. *Buried at Aix-la-Chapelle.* St. Glastian, *Bishop in Scotland;* d. 830. St. Agnes. *Second commemoration, on the translation of her relics.* Margaret, *Princess of Hungary, V.* 1271.	Otho III. (Emperor), 1002. Henry VIII. 1547. *Windsor.* Sir Francis Drake, 1596. *Ocean.* Sir Thos. Bodley, 1612. *Oxford.* Paul V. (Pope), 1621. Sir B. Whitelocke, 1676. *Fawley.* John Hevelius, 1687. Peter the Great, 1725. *Stella,* 1728. d. *Dublin.* Anthony Vallisnieri, 1730. J. B. d'Anville, 1782. d. *Paris.* Peter (the Wild Boy), 1785. John Breitkopf, 1794. *Liepsic.* Gov. (Joseph) Wall, *exe.* 1802. Thomas J. Woodward, 1820. ——— Never was any of her sex born with better gifts of the mind, or more improved them by reading and conversation. Her advice was always the best, and with the greatest freedom, mixed with the greatest decency. Never was so happy a conjunction of civility, freedom, easiness, and sincerity. *Swift's Character of Stella,* in die.

He who has no grave has the heavens still over him.—*Lucan.*

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XXVIII. JANUARY.

See there the olive grove of *Academe*,
Plato's retirement, where the Attic bird
Trills her thick-warbled notes the summer long;
Lyceum there, and painted *Stoa* next.—*Milton.*

Acts.

John de Hotham, Bishop of Ely, receives the Great Seal, to do therewith what belonged to the Chancellor, 1328.

Thomas Chaucer, the poet's son, and chief butler to the King, is presented by the Commons their Speaker, 1410.

John of Portugal, surnamed *the Fortunate*, is crowned King of his enfranchized country, 1640.

The *abdication* of King James II. is voted by the Lower House, and the throne, by a Resolution, declared vacant, 1689.

Evelyn writes to Sir Thomas Browne, giving him a grandiloquous account (which seems, from Pepys, to have been his usual manner) of the plan of his intended publication upon *gardens*: "Our drift is a noble, princely, and universal Elysium, capable of all the amœnities that can naturally be introduced into gardens of pleasure, and such as may stand in competition with all the august designs and stories of this nature, either of ancient or modern times; yet so as to become useful and significant to the least pretences and faculties."

Lord Chesterfield writes to his son: "You will say, it may be, that when you write so very ill, it is because you are in a hurry. A man of sense may be in haste, but can never be in a hurry; because he knows that, whatever he does in a hurry he must necessarily do very ill. Little minds are in a hurry, when the object proves (as it commonly does) too much for them; they run, they hare, they puzzle, confound, and perplex themselves; they want to do every thing at once, and never do it at all. There was a Pope, I think it was Pope Chigi, who was justly ridiculed for his attention to little things, and his inability in great ones; and therefore called *maximus in minimis*, and *minimus in maximis*. Why? because he attended to little things when he had great ones to do."

The Royal Irish Academy is incorporated by patent, 1786.

Whatever busies the mind without corrupting it, has at least this use, that it rescues the day from idleness; and he that is never idle will not often be vicious.
Johnson.

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XXIX. JANUARY.

The last was He, whose thunder slew
The Titan race, a rebel crew,
That from a *hundred hills* ally'd,
In impious league, their King defy'd.—*Addison.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Cal. 29.	Augustus Lubin, 1624, *Paris.* J. Grævius, 1632, *Naumbourg.* John Hughes, 1677, *Marlboro'.* Em. Swedenbourg, 1689, *Stockholm.* Thomas Paine, 1737, *Thetford.* William Sharp, 1749, *Minories.* Henry Neele, 1798, *Strand.*	Aurelian, *assassinated*, 275. Sir Thomas Pope, 1559. W. Butler, 1618. *Cambridge.* Bp. Sanderson, 1663. *Buckden.* Charles, Earl of Dorset, 1706. d. *Bath.* Bernard Lami, 1715. d. *Rouen.* James, Earl of Derby, 1736. George, Earl of Orkney, 1737. John Theoph. Fichte, 1814. George III. 1820. *Windsor.* J. Angerstein, 1823. d. *Woodlands.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Sabinianus, *of Troyes, martyr*, 3d Century.
St. Sulpicius Severus (*Disciple of St. Martin*), d. c. 420.
St. Gildas, the Scot, d. *Glastonbury*, 512.
St. Gildas, the Wise (or Badonicus), *Abbot in Brittany*, d. 570.
St. Sulpicius, *Bp. of Bourges*, d. 591.
St. Francis of Sales, *Bp. of Geneva*, 1622.

A modern critic is an apocryphal scribbler who censures in gross, and commonly sides with the weakest: he is worse than an *Index Expurgatorius*, for he blots out all; and, when he cannot find a fault, makes one: he is a mountebank, that is always quacking of the infirm and diseased parts of books, to show his skill; but has nothing to do with the sound: he *demurs* to all writers, and when he is *overruled*, will run into *contempt*.—*Butler.*

There are two things necessary for a traveller, to bring him to the end of his journey; a knowledge of his way, a perseverance in his walk.—*Warwick.*

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XXIX. JANUARY.

If a wife be convicted by her husband of adultery, poisoning, making false keys, or of drinking wine, she may be punished with death.—*Law of Romulus.*

Acts.

THE twenty-ninth day of the month *Shebat* was observed as a festival by the Jews, to commemorate the death of a most inveterate enemy, Antiochus Epiphanes, B. C. 164.—*See Macc.* i. 6.

The Equirian games, in honour of Mars, were instituted by Romulus at this time, and exhibited in the Campus Martius.—*See* 27 *Feb.*

Robert de Cumin and his Norman followers are massacred, and the Episcopal Palace, at Durham, is burnt to the ground, 1069.

St. Francis falling sick, his preceptor inquired of him, with tears, what he had to appoint concerning his funeral, and other affairs; "Nothing," he cheerfully answered, "unless it be that my body be given to the Theatre of Anatomy, to be dissected; *for it will be a comfort to me if I can be of any advantage, when dead, having been of none, whilst alive.*"

Charles I. burns his private papers and clavises, and takes farewell of his children, Elizabeth and Henry, 1649; a dreadful, and most affecting scene, that caused the death of the little princess, who expired about eighteen months after at Carisbrook Castle, in her fifteenth year.

Sir William Temple addresses his Essay *On the Excesses of Grief* to the Countess of Essex (wife of Lord Capel), 1674; "It is, at least, pious to ascribe all the ill that befalls us to our own demerits, rather than to injustice in God; and it becomes us better to adore all the issues of his providence in the effects, than inquire into the causes: for submission is the only way of reasoning between a creature and its Maker; and contentment in his will is the greatest duty we can pretend to, and the best remedy we can apply to all our misfortunes."

A general thanksgiving throughout England for the pregnancy of the Queen of James II., 1688. "The Pretender" was born in June following.

Westminster Bridge, which was raised by *lottery*, is founded, 1739.

This day is the Anniversary of the accession of our beloved monarch, *King George the Fourth*, to the British throne, 1820.

"LONG MAY HE REIGN!"

Le jour d'un nouveau regnè est le jour des ingrats.—*Gresset.*

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XXX. JANUARY.

Liberty is a plant that deserves to be cherished. Like the vine in the Scripture, it has spread from east to west, has embraced whole nations with its branches, and sheltered them under its leaves. *Chatham.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Cal. 30.	Abp. Sancroft, 1616, *Fresingfield.* Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, 1627, *Wallingford House.* Charles Rollin, 1661, *Paris.* Samuel Wright, 1683, *Retford.* Richard, Earl of Shannon, 1727. When we reflect that some princes have been barbarously murdered, and that by those that it least became; while others have been necessitated to ill use their greatest favourites and best friends; and some again have experienced both these fatalities: then we determine the meanest condition in the world, to be preferable to empire, accompanied with such calamities. *Isocrates.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Barsimæus (or Barsaumas), *Bp. of Edessa, M.* 114. St. Martina, *V. Martyr*, 3d. Cent. St. Aldegondes, *Virgin*, d. *Mauberge*, 660. St. Bathildes (or Baldechilde) *Queen of France*, d. 680.	Sophocles, B. C. 405. *Athens.* William de Montacute, Earl of Salisbury, A. D. 1344. Scip. Ammirati, 1601. d. *Florence.* Sir E. Digby, *ex.* 1606, *St. Paul's.* George, Lord Lansdowne, 1735. Cardinal Andrew de Fleury, 1743. *Louvre.* William Chillingworth, 1644. *Chichester.* King Charles I. *beheaded* 1649. *Windsor.* Susanna Maria Cibber, 1766. *Abbey* J. Bartholomew Beccaria, 1766. John B. Britard, 1790. d. *Paris.* Claude de Rulhiere, 1791. Dr. John Robison, 1805. I have shown that all genuine reasoning does ultimately terminate in certain principles, which it is impossible to disbelieve, and as impossible to prove: therefore the ultimate standard of *truth*, to us, is common sense.—*Beattie, in dié.*

The Queen's sympathy with me in my afflictions, will make her virtues shine with greater lustre, *as stars in the darkest nights;* and assure the envious world, that she loves me, not my fortunes. *Icon Basliké.*

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XXX. JANUARY.

A clear, unblemished character comprehends not only the integrity that will not offer, but the spirit that will not submit to an injury; and whether it belongs to an individual, or to a community, it is the foundation of peace, of independence, and of safety. Private credit is wealth, public honour is security.—*Junius.*

Acts.

THE Attic poet, Aristophanes, produces his comedy of "*The Wasps*," about this day, B. C. 422. In the same year died Cratinus, the comic poet; the Generals Cleon and Brasidas fell at Amphipolis; and the citizens of Athens (males) are computed, by a census, at twenty thousand.

The day of the Roman *Pacalia*, dedicated to the goddess Peace.

John Astley the Warwickshire knight, accepts, as champion of the English nation, the challenge of Sir Philip Beaufe, or Boyle, a knight of Arragon, whom he vanquishes, at Smithfield, in the presence of Henry VI. and all his nobility, 1442. His reward was a pension of one hundred marks, and instant knighthood. The combatants' usual oath is remarkable: "This hear, you justices, that I have this day neither eat, drank, nor have upon me either bone, stone, or glass, or any enchantment, sorcery, or witchcraft, where through the power of God might be inleased or diminished, and the devil's power increased."

A phenomenon is observed at London called the *burning spears*, 1560; being (perhaps) the earliest record of that appearance at present well known by the name of "Aurora Borealis."

The Journal of the House of Commons contains the following entry on the day of KING CHARLES'S MARTYRDOM: "Die Martis, 30 Januarii, 1648, post meridiem. Ordered, That the common post be staid until to-morrow morning, ten of the clock." Upon the same day, in the evening, Sir Lewis Dyves escapes from Whitehall, by leaping from a water-closet into the Thames, and, assuming afterwards a woman's habit, arrived safely in Scotland; but the Duke of Hamilton, in escaping from Windsor, is retaken at Southwark. The annual *fast* was first solemnized by an ordinance of parliament, in 1661.

The Life-boat, invented by Mr. Greathead, is first used at Shields, 1790. It is credibly stated that five hundred lives by its means have been saved at the entrance of the river Tyne alone, since that period.

Mungo Park sails for Africa, 1805.

Nay, Madam, he is a Doctor; never rack his person, but rack his stile; let him have pen, ink, and paper, and help of books, and be enjoined to continue the story where it breaketh off, and I will undertake, by collecting the stiles, to judge whether he were the author or no. *Bacon's Apology.*

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XXXI. JANUARY.

What advantage is it to the *State*, I would inquire, eventually to transfer the revenues of the church into the hands of the aristocracy? Should not those that support, in a loose age, the moral vigour of its fabric, be supplied with the external means of respect and dignity?—*Thoughts on the Agrarian Law.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Cal. 31.	Epicurus, B. C. 341, *Attica.* B. Jonson, A. D. 1574, *Westm.* John Francis Regis, 1597. Bp. (Nath.) Crew, 1634, *Stene.* Bp. Conybeare, 1692, *Pinhoe.* And let it like an odour rise To all the senses here, And fall like sleep upon their eyes, Or music in their ear. *Jonson's Vision of Delight.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Marcella, Widow, d. *St. Paul's, Rome,* 410. Sts. Cyrus and John, *Ms. at Canopus.* St. Maidoc (or Maodhog, alias Aidan, otherwise St. Dee), *Bp. of Ferns,* d. 624, or 632. St. Serapion, *of England, M.* 1240. St. Peter Nolasco, *Founder and General of the Order, at Barcelona, for the redemption of Captives,* 1256.	Seleucus Nicator, *murdered,* B. C. 280. Charles IV. (*the Fair*), 1328. d. *Vincennes.* Guido Fawkes, ex. 1606. *West.* Sir Richard Grosvenor, 1664. Eustache de Noble, 1711. Sir J. Floyer, 1734. *Lichfield.* Chas. Edward Stuart, 1787. d. *Florence.* Sir Ashton Lever, 1788. d. *Manchester.* Clara Clairon, 1803. d. *Paris.* Good nature and good sense come from our births or tempers; good breeding and truth, chiefly by education and converse with men: yet truth seems much in one's blood, and is gained too by good sense and reflection. Nothing is a greater possession, nor of more advantage to those that have it, as well as those that deal with it.—*Temple.*

Zeuxis and Parrhasius are said to be contemporaries: the first found out the reason of lights and shadows in picture; the other more subtlely examined the line. *Jonson.*

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XXXI. JANUARY.

He who is most ingenious in his trade or profession, shall have his diet in the Senate, and be honoured with the highest seat. *Athenian Law.*

Acts.

THIS day the Romans dedicated, monthly, to the household deities called *Penates;* a festival otherwise known, at this season, by the name *Parentalia,* because sacrifices were then offered at the graves of their departed relatives; and, as it was an institution of Æneas, we may, not absurdly, fix the death of *Anchises,* about the present day, in Sicily, B.C. 1183.—King Hirom, the geometrician, and the friend of Solomon, built and dedicated the Temple of Hercules, at Tyre, in this month (*Peritius*), about B.C. 1000.

The Athenian festival of the *Diasia,* was celebrated at the close of the month Anthesterion, without the city, in honour of Jupiter Melichius, *the propitious,* to whom the people sacrificed, and offered supplications for his protection from misfortune. It was a general fair, not unlike that under the tutelage of St. Bartholomew. The comic poet in his "*Clouds,*" introduces Strepsiades as having purchased, on this holiday, a little chariot for his son.

The planet Jupiter is eclipsed by the moon on this day, A.D. 807.

The inhabitants of *Glencoe* vale, in Argyleshire (the birth-place of Ossian), are barbarously massacred, and the spot disembowelled of every social appearance, 1692. King William, "whose chief virtue was not humanity," signed and countersigned the warrant, which was transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland, who particularly charged the ministers of destruction to *take no prisoners.*

Lord Chatham writes to his nephew, from the Horse Guards, 1756: "*Finitimus Oratori Poëta.* Substitute Tully and Demosthenes in the place of Homer and Virgil; and arm yourself with all the variety of manner, copiousness and beauty of diction, nobleness and magnificence of ideas of the Roman consul; and render the powers of eloquence complete by the irresistible torrent of vehement argumentation, the close and forcible reasoning, and the depth and fortitude of mind of the Grecian statesman."—This imperial style would not disgrace the page of *Junius* himself!

Still wilt thou dream of future joy and woe?
Regard and weigh yon dust before it flies.—*Byron.*

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WINTER.

Encompassed round with winds and tempests bleak.—*Glover.*

In his own loose-revolving fields, the swain
Disastered stands; sees other hills ascend,
Of unknown, joyless brow; and other scenes,
Of horrid prospect, shag the trackless plain:
Nor finds the river, nor the forest, hid
Beneath the formless wild; but wanders on
From hill to dale, still more and more astray;
Impatient flouncing through the drifted heaps,
Stung with the thoughts of home. How sinks his soul!
What black despair, what horrour, fills his heart!
When for the dusky spot, which fancy feigned
His tufted cottage rising through the snow,
He meets the roughness of the middle waste,
Far from the track, and blest abode of Man;
While round him night resistless closes fast.
In vain for him th' officious wife prepares
The fire fair-blazing, and the vestment warm;
In vain his little children, peeping out
Into the mingling storm, demand their sire,
With tears of artless innocence. Alas!
Nor wife, nor children, more shall he behold.—*Thomson.*

Rivers arise; whether thou be the son
Of utmost Tweed, or Oose, or gulphy Dun,
Or Trent, who like some earth-born giant spreads
His thirty arms along th' indented meads,
Or sullen Mole that runneth underneath,
Or Severn swift, guilty of maiden's death,
Or rocky Avon, or of sedgy Lee,
Or coaly Tine, or ancient hallow'd Dee,
Or Humber loud that keeps the Scythian's name,
Or Medway smooth, or royal tower'd Thame.—*Milton.*

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FEBRUARIUS.

Under the Protection of Neptune.

Neptunique ipsâ deducant origine gentem.—*Virgil.*

My eye descending from the Hill, surveys
Where *Thames* among the wanton vallies strays,
Hasting to pay his tribute to the sea,
Like mortal life to meet Eternity.
Though with those streams he no resemblance hold,
Whose foam is amber, and their gravel gold;
His genuine, and less guilty wealth t' explore,
Search not his bottom, but survey his shore;
O'er which he kindly spreads his spacious wing,
And hatches plenty for th' ensuing Spring.
Nor then destroys it with too fond a stay,
Like mothers which their infants overlay;
Nor with a sudden and impetuous wave,
Like profuse kings, resumes the wealth he gave:
But godlike his unwearied bounty flows;
First loves to do, then loves the good he does.
Nor are his blessings to his banks confin'd,
But free, and common, as the sea or wind.
He roams the world, and in his flying towers
Brings home to us, and makes both Indies ours;
Finds wealth where 'tis, bestows it where it wants,
Cities in deserts, woods in cities plants.
O could I flow like thee, and make thy stream
My great example, as it is my theme!
Though deep, yet clear, though gentle, yet not dull,
Strong without rage, without o'erflowing full.—Denham.

My soul, time posts away,
And thou, yet in that frost
Which flower and fruit hath lost,
As if all here immortal were, dost stay.—*Drummond.*

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FEBRUARY.

His plough and harness by his side.—*Spenser.*

OBSERVE the daily circle of the sun,
And the short year of each revolving moon.
When first the moon appears, if then she shrouds
Her silver crescent, tipp'd with sable clouds,
Conclude she bodes a tempest on the main,
And brews, for fields, impetuous floods of rain.
Or, if her face with fiery flushing glow,
Expect the rattling winds aloft to blow.
Above the rest, the sun, who never lies,
Foretells the change of weather in the skies.
For, if he rise unwilling to his race,
Clouds on his brow, and spots upon his face,
Or if through mists, he shoots his sullen beams,
Frugal of light, in loose and straggling streams;
Suspect a drizzling day, with southern rain,
Fatal to fruits, and flocks, and promis'd grain.
But, more than all, the setting sun survey,
When down the steep of heaven he drives the day:
If dusky spots are varied on his brow,
And, streak'd with red, a troubled colour show,
What desp'rate madman, then, would venture o'er
The frith, or haul his cables from the shore?—*Georgicks.*

HAIL, Bishop Valentine! whose day this is;
All the air is thy diocese,
And all the chirping choristers,
And other birds, are thy parishioners.
Thou marriest every year
The lyrick lark, and the grave whispering dove,
The sparrow that neglects his life for love,
The household bird, with the red stomacher;
Thou mak'st the blackbird speed as soon,
As doth the goldfinch, or the halcyon;
The husband cock looks out, and straight is sped,
And meets his wife, which brings her feather-bed.—*Donne.*

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And such is human life; so gliding on,
It glimmers like a meteor, and is gone!

THE WORLD, wherein we play, is but a stage,
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages. At first, the *infant*,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms:
Then, the whining *school-boy*, with his satchel,
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school: and then, the *lover*;
Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad
Made to his mistress' eye-brow: then, a *soldier*;
Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth: and then, the *justice*;
In fair round belly, with good capon lin'd,
With eyes severe, and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances,
And so he plays his part: the sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slipper'd *pantaloon*;
With spectacles on nose, and pouch on side;
His youthful hose well sav'd, a world too wide
For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice,
Turning again toward childish treble, pipes
And whistles in his sound: last scene of all,
That ends this strange eventful history,
Is *second childishness*, and mere *oblivion*;
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans every thing.

Shakspeare.

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I. FEBRUARY.

As of the green leaves on a thick tree, some fall, and some grow; so is the generation of flesh and blood, one cometh to an end, and another is born.

Ecclesiasticus.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Cal. 1.	Tiberius Hemsterhuys, 1685, *Groningen.*	Cardinal Aleander, 1542. Edward Finch, 1642. Cardinal Nidhard, 1681. Francis Blondel, 1686. Alexander VIII. (Pope), 1691. Sam. Pitiscus, 1717. d. *Utrecht.* Charles, Duke of Shrewsbury, 1718. d. *Isleworth.* Dan. Francis Voisin, 1718. Frederick Augustus I. (*of Poland*), 1733. d. *Warsaw.* Sir Hew Dalrymple, 1737. Ant. de Senecai, 1737. d. *Macon.* George Lambert, 1765. William Aiton, 1793. d. *Kew.* Wm. Visc. Barrington, 1793. Dr. John Lempriere, 1824.

It is not the oak, the ash, or the elm, or any of the robust trees of the forest, which we consider as beautiful; they are awful and majestic; they inspire a sort of reverence. It is the delicate myrtle, it is the orange, it is the almond, it is the jessamine, it is the vine, which we look on as vegetable beauties.—*Burke.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Ignatius (Theophórus), *Bp. of Antioch, Martyr*, 107.
St. Pionius, *of Smyrna, M.* 250.
St. Kinnia, *Virgin of Ireland*, d. 5th Century.
St. Bridgit (or Bride), *Patroness of Ireland*, d. 523.
St. Sigebert II. *King of Austrasia*, d. 656.

There is no wisdom without honesty; all else is but art and cunning, which only makes good the present, but looks not to the furthest end. Truth hath but one way, and one face.

King James.

Affections, like the conscience, are rather to be led than drawn; and it is to be feared, they that marry where they do not love, will love where they do not marry.

Fuller.

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I. FEBRUARY.

It was observed, by one of the Fathers, that Christ's coat, indeed, had no seam, but the church's vesture was of divers colours.

Acts.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY, was established by Gregory the *Great*, one of the best of the Popes, about the beginning of the seventh century, as a preparative for the Lent and Easter solemnities, and is so called from its falling on the *seventieth* day preceding Low Sunday, when the high feast of Easter, in remembrance of our Saviour's resurrection, terminated. It is movable with the Paschal moon, but fixed relatively the second week before Shrove (i. e. Quinquagesima) Sunday, and the ninth from EASTER DAY.—*See* 5th *April*.

The dedication of a temple to Juno *Sospita* (the preserver), is mentioned on this day as a Roman festival. Cicero describes the goddess as one who is never seen, even in a dream, without a goat-skin, a spear, a little shield, and broad sandals. There is a small brass image of her in the Florence Gallery, but mutilated, and the feet are bare. It is not extravagant to identify this lady with the *Pallas* of the Greeks.

Edward III. is crowned at Windsor, 1327, in his fifteenth year.

Edward, Duke of York (Edward IV.) revenges his father's death by a signal victory over the royalists, commanded by Jasper, Earl of Pembroke, at *Mortimer's Cross*, in Herefordshire, 1461.

Lord Burleigh signs the Commission, "penned" by himself, for the execution of the Queen of Scots, directed to the Earls of Shrewsbury, Kent, Derby, Cumberland, and Pembroke (Shakspeare's patron), 1587.

The artificial stream, named the *New River*, is begun by Sir Hugh Middleton, from two springs, one in the parish of Amwell, the other near Ware (called Chadwell), in Hertfordshire, the waters of which he united, 1608. Although eight hundred bridges were constructed, and six hundred workmen were generally employed during the period of more than five years, over a surface of thirty-nine miles, the projector's disbursements appear to have not exceeded 16,000*l*. money of that day.

The Royal Sovereign, man-of-war, is burnt at Chatham, 1696. The levies of money for building this noble vessel caused the Rebellion.

War is declared against England and Holland by the French, 1793.

The Bell Rock Light-house, on the Scotch coast, is *illumined*, 1811.

An eruption of the volcano of Albay, in Luconia, one of the Philippine Isles, 1814, which destroyed five towns, and twelve hundred persons.

The great winding-sheets that bury all things in oblivion are two; deluges and earthquakes. *Bacon.*

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II. FEBRUARY.

Mortals, that would follow me,
Love Virtue; she alone is free:
She can teach ye how to climb
Higher than the sphery chime.—*Comus.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Non. 2.	Bp. (W.) Thomas, 1613, *Bristol.* Walter Charleton, 1619, *Shepton-Mallet.* Dr. Wm. Borlase, 1696, *Pendeen.* John Nichols, 1744, *Islington.* Methinks most of the philosophers and moralists have run too much into extremes, in praising entirely either solitude or public life: in the former, men generally grow useless by too much rest; and, in the latter, are destroyed by too much precipitation; as waters lying still, putrefy and are good for nothing; and running violently on, do but the more mischief in their passage to others, and are swallowed up and lost the sooner themselves.—*Steele.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Lawrence, *Abp. of Canterbury*, d. 619.	Sir Owen Tudor, 1461. *beh. Hereford.* Balthazar Castiglione, 1529. d. *Toledo.* St. Catharine de Ricca, 1589. Giovanni di Palestrina, 1594. *Rome.* John Pautre, 1682. Marquis du Quesne, 1688. Wm. de l'Hospital, 1704. Abp. (John) Sharp, 1714. *York.* Clement XIII. (Pope), 1769. John Lockman, 1771. Sieur de la Haye, 1774. Francis Hayman, 1776. James Stuart, 1788. Lucullus entertained Pompey in one of his magnificent houses; Pompey observed, This is a marvellous fair and stately house for the summer; but methinks it should be very cold for winter. Lucullus replied; Do you not think me as wise as divers fools are, to change my habitation in the winter season?

It is in human life as in a game at tables, one may wish he had the highest cast; but if his chance be otherwise, he is even to play it as well as he can, and make the best of it. *Plutarch.*

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II. FEBRUARY.

Men and the will of men constitute a state.—*Alcæus.*

Acts.

THE PURIFICATION, a day set apart by the church to commemorate the attendance of the Virgin Mary in the Temple, on the fortieth day after childbirth, as commanded by the law. It is also called CANDLEMAS DAY from the practice still continued at Rome, but relinquished here in 1548, of lighting the churches with candles of wax—emblems of that splendour and purity it was intended to memorize; and perhaps innocently adopted from the *Luceria*, or Proserpinal rites, which were celebrated with unusual solemnity by the Romans on the same or preceding day, in the Salarian *groves*. It is called a GRAND DAY in the Inns of Court; a GAUDY DAY at the two Universities; and a COLLAR DAY at St. James's, being one of the three great holidays, during the Terms, on which all legal and official business is suspended.

King Stephen, whose valour was deserving of a better fortune, is defeated and taken captive at the battle (before the castle) of *Lincoln*, 1141.

In 1415 seven dolphins were observed sporting in the Thames at London, four of which were taken.

Charles I. is crowned king of his English dominions, 1626.

Cowley produces, at Trinity College, Cambridge, his Latin comedy, in *prose*, called "Naufragium Joculare," 1638; having neither the facility of a popular, nor the accuracy of a learned work, it seems to be now universally neglected, saith Johnson; but let it also be remembered that that precocious genius had not then attained his majority.

Captain Alexander Selkirk is discovered by two British privateers in his *solitude* at Juan de Fernandez, an Island west of Chili, in the South Sea, where he had lived for four years and four months, and forgotten the dialect of his country.—*See Robinson Crusoe.*

The French, upon the capitulation of Mantua this day, take entire possession of the Pope's dominions, when Buonaparte dictates to his holiness those *pious* terms of pacification, signed at *Tolentino* ten days after, 1797.

The first fair at Novi, in the Milanese, is established.

The unknown are better than ill known:
Rumour can ope' the grave.—*Cowley.*

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III. FEBRUARY.

There is a special providence in the fall of a sparrow.—*Hamlet.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Non. 3.	Henry Cromwell (N. S.), 1627. Good men are the stars, the planets of the ages wherein they live, and illustrate the times. God did never let them be wanting to the world: as Abel, for an example of innocency, Enoch of purity, Noah of trust in God's mercies, Abraham of faith; who looked down on the stage of the world, and contemned the play of fortune.—*Jonson.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Blase, *Bp. of Sebastia, in Armenia, M.* 316. The titular patron of the profession of wool-combers. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Anscharius (or Scharies), *Abp. of Hamburg and Bremen,* d. 865. St. Wereburghe, *V. Patroness of Chester,* d. 699. St. Margaret (*surnamed of England*), *V.* d. 12th Century.	Sweyn (*of Denmark*), 1014. d. *Gainsborough.* John of Gaunt, 1399. Thomas Lord Fitzgerald, *beh.* 1537. Charles X. (*of Sweden*), 1660. Francis Lord Conway, 1732. d. *Lisburn.* Eliz. Thomas, 1730. *St. Bride's.* Sir Thomas Lombe, 1738. Richard Nash, 1761. *Bath.* Gasp. Risbeck, 1786. d. *Arau.* John Charles Brooke, *killed, Haymarket Theatre,* 1794. John Beckmann, 1811. d. *Gottingen.* Admiral Strachan, 1828. As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every minute of time; and as it would be great folly to shoe horses (as Nero did) with gold, so it is to spend time in trifles.—*Mason.*

The sense is like the sun; for the sun seals up the globe of heaven, and opens the globe of earth: so the sense doth obscure heavenly things, and reveals earthly things. *Philo Judæus.*

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III. FEBRUARY.

He was not of an age, but for all time!
And all the Muses still were in their prime,
When, like Apollo, he came forth to warm
Our ears, or like a Mercury to charm.—*Ben Jonson.*

Acts.

JAMES I. by letters patent, dated this day, 1616, grants to Ben Jonson a pension of one hundred marks during his life, "in consideration of the good and acceptable service heretofore done, and hereafter to be done, by the said B. J." The muniment interests us in two respects, first, as it confers the laurel wreath on the brows of our British *Pan;* and next, because it is not without some apparent reference to another great master, then equal, and since vastly superior to him in fame, the *Swan of Avon*, who drew up his last will in that month, and signed it on the Lady-day, when probably all his influence at the court had ceased, although whether he received from it any pension, by grant, is yet unknown; but his death was *sudden*, amidst the hilarities of his *birthday*, and whilst he was preparing for posterity the legacy of his works.

Mr. Wilkes is expelled the House of Commons for a breach of privilege, on the motion of Secretary Lord Barrington, 1769.

Dr. Johnson on this day, 1778, gives directions for travelling to the best advantage. They are addressed to a young lady, but may be applied universally.—*See "Life" by Boswell.*

Captain Basil Hall describes this day the climate of Panama, on the isthmus: "During the morning it was much too hot to move about with any comfort; but towards sun-set, all the world strolled about to enjoy the delightful air of the brief twilight, along some charming walks in the woods, beyond the suburbs, the scenery about which was of the richest description of tropical beauty. The night closed in upon us with a precipitancy unknown in higher latitudes; but before we reached the drawbridge at the entrance of the town, the moon had risen, and the landscape became even more beautiful than before."

General Auchmuty carries Montevideo, in Buenos Ayres, by storm, 1807.

In 1684 (N. S.) the river Thames was "planted with booths in formal streets, all sorts of trades, and shops furnished and full of commodities, even to a printing-press." A similar Fair was held there (in two counties) upon the same day, 1814.

The fair of St. Germain, which continues until Easter, is established.

It is a great thing to rule a wife rightly.—*Bishop Latimer.*

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IV. FEBRUARY.

O slippery state of things! what sudden turns,
What strange vicissitudes, in the first leaf
Of man's sad history! to-day most happy;
And ere to-morrow's sun has set, most abject.—*Blair.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Non. 4.	George Lillo, 1693, *Moorgate.*	Lucius Septimius Severus, A.D. 211. d. *York.*
	Singularity is almost always regarded as a brand of slight reproach; and where it is associated with acknowledged merit, serves as an abatement, or an alloy of excellence, by which weak eyes are reconciled to its lustre, and by which, though kindness is not gained, at least envy is averted.—*Hawkesworth.*	Egbert (*of England*), 836.
		Rabanus Maurus, 856. d. *Winsel.*
		George Abbot, 1648.
		John Menochius, 1656.
		Francis de Crequi, 1687.
		Robert Blair, 1746. d. *Athelstaneford.*
		John James Heidegger, 1749. *Richmond.*
		Louis, Duke of Orleans, 1752. d. *St. Généviève.*
		Samuel Davis, 1761. d. *New Jersey.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.*	Dr. W. Harris, 1770. d. *Honiton.*
	St. Phileas and Philoromus, *Ms. in Egypt*, c. 309.	Charles de la Condamine, 1774.
	St. Isidore, of Pelusium, d. c. 449.	Esprit Pezenas, 1776. d. *Avignon.*
	St. Modan, *Abbot in Scotland*, d. 7th Century.	John Mortimer, 1779. d. *Aylesbury.*
	St. Rembert, *Abp. of Bremen*, 888.	Humility ever dwells with men of noble minds: it is a flower that prospers not in lean and barren soils; but in a ground that is rich, it flourishes and is beautiful.—*Feltham.*
	St. Gilbert, *Abbot in England*, d. 1190.	
	St. Andrew Corsini, *Bishop*, 1373.	
	St. Jane (or Joan), *Queen of France*, d. 1505.	
	St. Joseph, *of Leonissa*, d. 1612.	

Be thou a stream of many tides against thy foes; but like the gale that moves the grass, to those who ask thine aid. *Ossian.*

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IV. FEBRUARY.

Dolls for children: Idols for the church.—*Sentence of Yung-ching.*

Acts.

The Chinese year, which is movable (computing by a series of cycles, or courses, of sixty years each, dated from the Deluge), begins about this time, when the whole empire keeps holiday. The Japanese, who also reckon by that mode, celebrate their new year near the same day.

The period of the death of Severus, at York, is remarkable for the existence of Fingal, so renowned in the Poems of Ossian. The emperor's sons, Geta and Caracalla, were recalled by that event from Scotland, while debating with the hero, over heath and mountain, her ancient, stubborn independence.

John Rogers, a prebendary of St. Paul's, and the proto-martyr, is burned at Smithfield, 1555. The number of persons that suffered during the four years of Mary's (joint) reign is two hundred and eighty-eight, at the *minimum*.

An earthquake in Sicily, which swallowed up Catana (the birth-spot of Stesichorus) and eighteen thousand citizens, 1693.

Howell writes to his *well beloved cousin*, 1625: "Of all civil actions that are incident to man, there is not any that tends more to his infelicity or happiness than marriage; therefore, it concerns you not to be over-hasty herein, nor to take the *ball before the bound;* for not Alexander's sword can cut asunder so hard a knot, among us Christians. If you are resolved to marry, *choose where you love, and resolve to love your choice:* let love rather than lucre be your guide in this election; though a concurrence of both be good, yet for my part, I had rather the latter should be wanting than the first; the one is the pilot, but the other the ballast of the ship, which should carry us to the *harbour* of a happy life. If you light upon a shrew, I wish you may have the same measure of patience that Socrates and Stroud, our Westminster cook, had. I remember a French proverb:

"La maison est misérable et méchante,
Où la poule plus haut que le coq chante;"

but, though silence be the dumb orator of beauty, and the best ornament of a woman, yet a phlegmatic dull wife is disagreeable and fastidious."

This day, in the calendar of Hesiod, is auspicious for marriage, and for the reparation of ships; but a day of *troubles*.

Marry or not—say how shall I end it?
Marry or not—you'll be sure to repent it!—*Brockes.*

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V. FEBRUARY.

Slavery debases and emasculates the mind.—*Homer.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Non. V.	Bishop (Thomas) Tanner, 1674, (N.S.) *Market Lavington.*	Marcus Cato, B.C. 46. *Utica.*
		Bp. Anian, A.D. 1293. *St. Asaph.*
		J. Meyer, 1552. d. *Blankenburg.*
		Prospero Alpini, 1617. *Padua.*
		Joost Van Vondel, 1679.
		Ph. de Montault, 1684. d. *Paris.*
		Adrian Reland, 1718. d. *Utrecht.*
		James, Earl Stanhope, 1721. *Chevening.*
		John Truchet, 1729. d. *Paris.*
		Dr. William Berriman, 1750.
		Dr. Willis, 1760. *Fenny Stratf.*
		Hugh Farmer, 1787. d. *Walthamstow.*
		Dr. William Cullen, 1790. *Kirknewton.*
		Sir John Eardley Wilmot, 1792.
		Lewis Galvani, 1799. d. *Bologna.*
		Gen. Paoli, 1807. d. *England.*

Is it not far more honourable to have it declared by the senate that a general preserved his province by the mildness and equity of his administration, than that he owed it either to the strength of his troops or to the favour of the gods?—*Cato.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Agatha, *V. M. Patroness of Malta*, d. 251. (*See English Church Calendar.*)
The Martyrs of Pontus, c. 304.
St. Abraamius, *Bp. of Arbela, M.* 348.
St. Avitus, *Abp. of Vienne*, d. 525.
St. Alice (or Adelaide), *V. Abbess at Cologne*, d. 1015.
The twenty-six Martyrs of Japan, d. 1597.
The Martyrs of China.

Heroes and authors are begotten, as some have poetically said of a Spanish jennet, by the wind, which is the vain man's deity, public rumour.

Wycherley.

Defend the truth; for that who would not die
A coward is, and gives himself the lie.—*Randolph.*

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V. FEBRUARY.

There is a kind of men, whom accident has thrown out of the business of life, and whom temperament, if not virtue, keeps out of the dissipation of it; who hold a station of irreproachable and dignified indolence; whom the company of their own thoughts renders independent of vulgar society, and the vigour and variety of whose imagination free from the necessity of resorting to frivolous, or censurable amusements. *Lounger, No. I. in dit.*

Arts.

Augustus is, by a vote of the senate, in full assembly, their brows crowned with laurel, saluted with the title of *Father of his Country*, B.C. 31.

An eruption of *Vulcano*, one of the Lipari Islands, which changed the entire face of the local navigation, 1444. Aristotle records a dreadful explosion that is supposed to have formed the island as it stood in the time of Pliny, who, with Strabo, mentions its production under a different name. It is the *Hiera* of Virgil.

Charles II. is proclaimed king by the Scottish parliament, at the cross in Edinburgh, 1649.

A *parhelion*, or mock sun, is observed near Marienbourg, in Western Prussia, 1674. It appeared in the horizon, beneath the material sun, of a red colour, and shortly preceded a very severe frost.

The peace of *Niméguen*, between France and Austria is signed, 1679.

Colonel Clive achieves his glorious and important victory on the plains of Plassy, in Hindostan, 1757.

The order of knighthood, called St. Patrick's, is instituted, 1783.

The first shock of the earthquakes in Sicily and the two Calabrias, is felt at the town of Scylla on *the same day*. In the night a tremendous wave swept from the coast two thousand four hundred and seventy-three of its inhabitants, with the prince of the place. The work of destruction and terrour continued for almost four months, accompanied by incessant rains and bursts of thunder.

The Regency Bill passed into a law, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attends the privy council, and accepts the oath, 1811.

The Vision of Mirza. It was on the *fifth* day of the moon which, according to the custom of my forefathers, I always keep holy, after having *washed* myself, and offered up my morning devotions, I ascended the high hills of Bagdad, in order to pass the rest of the day in meditation and prayer.—*See Spectator*, No. 159.

The Anniversary of the Medico-Botanical Society, in Sackville Street.

A day of dire calamity, says Hesiod, in which certain *Greek* ladies, called "The Furies," make their round—"*about, about, about.*"

Toujours occupé sans avoir rien à faire —*Destouches.*

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VI. FEBRUARY.

The most manifest sign of wisdom, is a continual cheerfulness; her estate is like that of things in the region above the moon, always clear and serene.
Montaigne.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VIII. Id. 6.	Andrew Dudith, 1533, *Buda.* Antony Arnauld, 1612, *Paris.* Daniel Morhof, 1639, *Wismar.* Anne, of England, 1665, *St. James's.* C. H. Heinecken, 1721, *Lubeck.*	Bishop Brynoth, 1317. d. *Scara.* James Amyot, 1593. Dr. John Aglionby, 1610. *Islip.* John Ant. le Vachet, 1681. Charles II. 1685. *Westminster.* Joseph Mitchell, 1738. Clement XII. (Pope), 1740. Maurice Johnson, 1755. Dr. Joseph Priestley, 1804. d. *Northumberland*, N. A. Ann Flaxman, 1820.

Political credulity, is daily nourished and kept in humour by fiction and delusion; and may be compared to the old obstinate knight in Rabelais, that every morning swallowed a Chimera for his breakfast.
Freeholder, in dié.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Dorothy, *V. Martyr at Cæsarea*, c. 304.
St. Mel, *Bp. of Ardagh*, (nephew of St. Patrick), 488.
St. Vedast, *Bp. of Arras*, d. 539.
St. Barsanuphius, *of Palestine*, d. 6th Century.
St. Amandus, *Abbot of Elnon*, d. 675.

He was a prince of many virtues, and many great imperfections; debonair, easy of access; his countenance fierce, his voice great, proper of person, every motion became him: a lover of the sea, of planting, and building. He had a particular talent in telling a story, and facetious passages; this made some buffoons and vicious wretches too familiar, not worthy the favour they abused.—*Evelyn.*

Love, when devoted to its object, will materialize the dreams of philosophy, and the fabricks of the poets.
Anon.

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VI. FEBRUARY.

Our Legislator has ordained what we ought of necessity to do in common to all men; as to afford fire, and water, and food, to such as want it; to show them the roads; and to let no one lie unburied.—*Josephus against Apion*

Acts.

THREE Ambassadors from John Hyrcanus, the Jewish Pontiff, are received at Rome; when the Senate, on this day, decree a renewal of the league of amity and assistance with that *good and friendly people*, and dismiss the delegates with presents, B. C. 129.

Queen Mary incorporates, by Charter, the Company of Merchant Adventurers, trading to Muscovy, 1555.

The *book* entitled A Noble Roman History of "*Titus Andronicus*," is entered by John Danter, printer, at Stationers' Hall, 1594.

The Scotch deliver up King Charles I. to the Parliament upon receiving the sum of two hundred thousand pounds, for arrears of pay, 1647; and two years after, (same day) the House of Lords, and the office of King, were abolished by two brief resolutions.

Mr. Pepys visits the King's House, 1668, and saw the *Moor of Venice;* but to his surprise, Moone did not act the part of Iago so well as *Clun* used to do, nor another, *Hart's*, which was that of Cassio.—The former is supposed to have been an illegitimate son of Ben Jonson, and Hart was one of the nephews of Shakspeare.

The French nation avows the independence of the thirteen American States, by concluding a treaty of defensive alliance with the colonies, on this day, at Paris, 1778. The English Ambassador was immediately withdrawn, and acts of war commenced.

Swift's Journal, 1712: "The Queen gave Prince Eugene the diamond sword to-day; but nobody was by, except the Lord Chamberlain. This is a birth-day chat."

Burns addresses the Baillies of Canongate, 1787, for permission to place a stone at the grave of Robert Fergusson; 'a man whose talents for ages to come will do honour to our Caledonian name.'

Flies have their spleen, each silly ant his teens.—*Return from Parnassus.*

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VII. FEBRUARY.

Fame, as a river, is narrowest where 'tis bred, and broadest afar off: so exemplary writers depend not on the gratulties of the world.—*Davenant.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VII. Id. 7.	Dr. Henry Moncrieff, 1750. 'Tis thou, thrice sweet and gracious goddess, addressing myself to Liberty, whose taste is grateful, and ever will be so, till Nature herself shall change. —No *tint* of words can spot thy snowy mantle, or chymic power turn thy sceptre into iron; —with thee to *smile* upon him as he eats his crust, the swain is happier than his monarch. *Sterne.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Theodorus (Stratilates), *M. at Heraclea*, 319. St. Augulus (Augustus, or Aule), *Bp. of London. M.* 4th Cent. St. Tresain (or Tresanus), *of Ireland*, d. 6th Century. St. Richard, *King of the West Saxons*, d. Lucca, c. 722. St. Romuald, *Abbot of Camaldoli*, d. 1027.	St. Ronan, *of Scotland*, 603. James Earl of Moray, (the Bonny), *murdered*, 1592. Francis Pithou, 1621. Thos. E. of Exeter, 1622. *Abbey.* Bp. (William) Bedell, 1642. *Kilmore.* Paul Pellisson-Fontanier, 1693. d. *Versailles.* Dr. John Hedwig, 1799. Anne Radcliffe, 1823. d. *Pimlico.* Henry Neele, 1828. She went to her death with an unshaken firmness of mind, and without changing the colour of her face, and thereby discovered the nobility of her descent to the spectators. Thus died *Mariamne;* a woman, excellent both for chastity, and greatness of soul; but she wanted moderation, and had too much of contention in her nature; yet had she all that can be said, in the beauty of her person, and in the majesty of her conversation. *Josephus.*

Jealousy, like the parricide, destroys that by which it lives, and is begotten.
Anon.

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VII. FEBRUARY.

The moon is thine: not worn indeed on high
With ostentatious pageantry, but set
With modest grandeur in thy purple zone;
Resplendent less, but of an ampler round.—*Winter Evening.*

Acts.

THE MONTHS. The gentle Numa appears to have adopted *February* as one of the months, in reference to the *purgations* observed near the calends, or new moon, at this season of the year. It corresponds with the twelfth moon *Mechir*, in the old, and the sixth in the modern Egyptian calendar; with the sixth civil, and the twelfth ecclesiastical moon, *Adar*, of the Hebrews; with the sixth month, *Schaharir*, of the Persians; with the sixth moons, *Jaeathit*, *Anisheir*, and *Arats*, of the Abyssinians, Copts, and Armenians; with the sixth moons, *Dystrus*, *Sebastus*, and *Dius*, of the Syro-Macedonians, Paphians, and Bithynians; with the fifth solar month, *Sabat*, of the Syrians; with the ninth moon, *Elaphebolion*, of the Athenians; the sixth, *Xanthicus*, of the Macedonians; and the second, *Peritius*, of their solar year; and with the eighth moons, *Sahaben*, and *Sahaaban*, of the Arabic and Turkish calendars. The Saxons named it *Sol*-month, (which marks the season); and it is called *Sprokkel*-month by the Dutch and Germans.—The origin of the months will commonly explain that of states, the sources of their power and happiness, with the manners of the people; and therefore it is, that most definitions of the Roman calendar are either secondary or fanciful, as the objects were quite obscured, even in those eyes that best should know, by the revolutions of pride and refinement.

The seventh of the month *Adar*, was kept as a fast by the Jews, in memory of the death of their great prophet and legislator, Moses, B. C. 1451.—It was about this period, at the heliacal setting of the Pleiades; the time of the latter rains in Judæa, B. C. 134, that Antiochus *Sidetes* was besieging the city of Jerusalem, defended by John Hyrcanus, who had then assumed the Pontificate upon the murder of his father Simon, *the benefactor*. That year is memorable from its being *Sabbatic*, or the seventh year of rest, in which the Jews are forbidden either to plough, or to enjoy the fruits of their trees.

The *tenths* were given as a portion for the defence and preservation of every thing connected with religion.—*Anon.*

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VIII. FEBRUARY.

She is of a short stature, well made, thin, and delicate, and moderately pretty: her eyes are so lively that she inspires reverence and respect, and even fear, wherever she turns them; nevertheless she is very short-sighted; her voice is deep, and masculine; and she understands the English, Latin, French, Spanish, and Italian tongues. As to the qualities of her mind, it may be said that she is rash, disdainful, and parsimonious.—*Giov. Michele*, M.D.LVII.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Id. 8.	St. Proclus, *Patriarch of Constantinople*, 412. Mary I. of England, 1516, *Greenwich*. Robert Burton, 1576, *Lindley*. William Earl of Pembroke, 1580, *Wilton*. Samuel Butler, 1612, *Strensham*. Peter Daniel Huet, 1630, *Caen*. Gabriel Daniel, 1649, *Rouen*. Charles Henault, 1685, *Paris*. John Andrew de Luc, 1727, *Geneva*.	William Longsword, 2d Earl of Salisbury, 1250. k. *Massoura*. Count Robert, of Artois, 1250. *killed*, *Massoura* (*Egypt*). St. Jerom Æmiliani, 1537. Noel Beda, 1537. *Mount St. Michael*. Geoffrey Vallée, 1574. *burned*, *Paris*. Mary, of Scotland, *beheaded*, 1587. *Abbey*. Alph. d'Elbene, 1608. d. *Albi*. Ferdinand II. (of Germany), 1637. Moses Amyraut, 1664. Rich. Pendrell, 1671. d. *London*. Francis d'Escoubleau, 1686. Geo. Ashwell, 1693. *Hanwell*. Dr. George Sewell, 1727. d. *Hampstead*. Aaron Hill, 1750. *Abbey*. Gaspar de Real, 1752. d. *Paris*. William Mitford, 1827. *Exbury*.
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Paul, *Bp. of Verdun*, d. 631. St. Cuthman, *of England*, d. c. 8th Century. St. Stephen, of Grandmont, d. *Limoges*, 1124. St. John, *of Matha*, Founder of the Order of Trinitarians, 1213.	

She showeth a disposition to speak much, to be bold, to be pleasant, and to be very familiar. She delighteth to hear of hardiness and valiance; commending by name all approved hardy men of her country, although they be her enemies; and she conceaseth no cowardice even in her friends. The thing that most she thirsteth after is victory, and in respect of that wealth and all things seemeth to be contemptuous and vile.—*Sir F. Knollys*, M.D.LXVIII.

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VIII. FEBRUARY.

Old Ocean, hail! beneath whose azure zone
The secret deep lies unexplored, unknown.
Ye tempests! o'er my head congenial roll
To suit the mournful music of my soul;
In black progression, lo, they hover near,
Hail, social horrours! like my fate severe.—*Falconer.*

Arts.

THE eighth days were held sacred to Neptune by the Athenians.

Papirius Cursor triumphs for his victory over the Samnites, B.C. 293. He dedicated on this occasion a temple to *Quirinus*, upon which was erected a sun-dial, the first ever seen at Rome. Before this period the progress of the day was noted by three intervals; the rising and setting of the sun, and the time of noon, which was proclaimed by the consular heralds when his *disk* appeared between the rostra and the house appointed for the reception of ambassadours. Rome, in the language of Cyneas, was then a temple, and the senate an assembly of kings.—It was in B.C. 291 that the salutary God, Æsculapius, was brought in the form of a serpent from Epidaurus, and enshrined upon an island in the midst of the Tiber.—See Ovid's splendid fable. This physician and benefactor invented the probe, cathartics, dentition, and the use of bandages, and hence the *respect* for his memory.

Evelyn is at Paris, 1644: "I took coach and went to see the famous *Jardin Royal*, which is an enclosure walled in, consisting of all varieties of ground for planting and culture of medical simples. It is well chosen, having in it hills, meadows, wood and upland, natural and artificial, and is richly stored with exotic plants. In the middle of the parterre is a fair fountain. There is a very fine house, chapel, laboratory, orangery, and other accommodations for the president, who is always one of the king's chief physicians."

Wycherley writes to Pope, N.S. 1707: "As often as fevers and agues attend the best constitutions from the worst air; so does that malignant air of *calumny* soonest attack the sound and elevated in mind, as storms of wind the tallest and most fruitful trees; whilst the low and weak for bowing and moving to and fro are secured from the violence of the tempest." Is this flattery, or sympathy, or both?

Avoid the syren, and escape the tempest.—*Evelyn.*

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IX. FEBRUARY.

I'll pity thee as much, he said,
And as much favour show to thee,
As thou didst to the queen's chamberlain,
That day thou doomedst him to die.—*Old Ballad.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
v. Id. 9.	Daniel Bernouilli, 1700. *Groningen.* If there be a nation that exports its beef and linen, to pay for the importation of claret and porter, while a great part of its people live upon potatoes and wear no shirts; wherein does it differ from the sot, who lets his family starve, and sells his clothes to buy drink?—*Franklin.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Apollonia, *V. M. at Alexandria*, 249. St. Nicephorus, *Martyr at Antioch*, 260. St. Attracta (or Tarahata), *Virgin in Ireland*, d. 5th Cent. St. Theliau, *Bishop of Landaff*, d. c. 580. St. Ansbert, *Abp. of Rouen*, d. 695. St. Erhard (or Eberhardus), of Scotland, *Abbot at Ratisbon*, d. 8th Century.	St. Burckard, of England, 752. Agnes Sorel, 1450. d. *Mesnil.* Bp. (John) Hooper, 1555. *burnt, Gloucester.* Dr. Rowland Taylor, 1555. *burned, Hadleigh.* Henry, Lord Darnley, *mur.* 1567. Philibert de Lorme, 1577. Dr. P. Holland, 1636. d. *Coventry.* Frederick III. (*of Denm.*) 1670. Peter Bourdelot, 1685. Peter Poliniere, 1734. d. *Coulonce.* H. F. d'Aguesseau, 1751. d. *Fresnes.* Hubert Drouais, 1767. d. *Paris.* Dr. J. Gregory, 1773. d. *Edinb.* Dr. Wm. Boyce, 1779. *St. Paul's.* Benjamin Martin, 1782. Dr. Nevil Maskelyne, 1811. d. *Flamstead House.* Sir Vicary Gibbs, 1820. God should place his creatures where he knows it is best for them to be, and when it is best for us, we shall go to them; but they must not come back to us, in an unquiet world. *Lady Russell, in diê.*

In a vain man, the smallest spark may kindle into the greatest flame; because the materials are always prepared for it. *Hume.*

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IX. FEBRUARY.

Golden in show, is but a wreath of thorns.—*Paradise Regained.*

Acts.

The Emperor John Palœologus, on his passage to the great synod of Ferrara, makes his triumphal entry at Venice on this day, 1438. "He sailed in the Bucentaur, which was accompanied by twelve stately gallies: the sea was overspread with innumerable gondolas of pomp and pleasure; the air resounded with music and acclamations; the mariners and even the vessels were dressed in silk and gold; and in all the emblems and pageants, the Roman eagles were blended with the lions of St. Mark. The procession ascending the great canal, passed under the bridge of the Rialto; and the eastern strangers gazed with admiration on the palaces, the churches, and the populousness of a city, that seemed to float on the bosom of the waves." This florid water-piece by Gibbon agrees very well with the object of the imperial visit, a reunion of the two churches, which hinged upon the following points: 1. The use of unleavened bread in the communion. 2. The nature of purgatory. 3. The supremacy of the Pope. And, 4. The single, or double procession of the Holy Ghost. Thus, the simple formula of the Christian religion has ever been rendered subservient to the meddling ambition of its principal ministers, whose duty, if rightly understood, is to teach its precepts, and not to cavil about precedence and ceremonies. Had they turned their polemical swords with the same zeal against the cardinal sins as they did against each other, the world had been better. "*A house divided against itself, it falleth,*" is a maxim worth attention, although one of the precepts of the divine founder of the Christian Temple. This may, indeed, be shaken, as the oak, which concentres its strength by concussion, but can never be destroyed, either by the indifferency of its pretended supporters, or the more subtile pens of infidel besiegers.

Mr. Harley (afterwards Earl of Oxford) is chosen speaker of the House of Commons, 1701.

Lord Amherst sails from England in the ship Alceste, on his embassy to China, 1816. The passage from Rio de Janeiro to the Cape, a distance of more than three thousand miles, was performed in nineteen days.

A peace between Austria and France is concluded at *Luneville*, 1801.

This day is marked in the Roman calendar as the beginning of *Spring*.

In those vernal seasons of the year when the air is calm and pleasant, it were an injury and sullenness against nature, not to go out and see her riches, and partake in her rejoicing with heaven and earth. *Milton.*

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X. FEBRUARY.

The redbreast, sacred to the household gods,
Wisely regardful of the embroiling sky,
Now pays to trusted man his annual visit.—*Thomson.*

Acts.

WALLERAN, Count of St. Pol, issues against Henry IV. of England his famous cartel of defiance, 1402.

All Souls' College at Oxford is founded by the gift of Archbishop Chicheley, 1437. In the quadrangle, which was roofed, 1440, is a curious *dial*, contrived by Wren, which shows the time to a minute.

Ferdinand Cortez sails from Cuba, with five hundred and eight soldiers, one hundred and ten sailors, sixteen horses, thirty-two cross-bow men, thirteen musketeers, and ten pieces of artillery, on his expedition against the Mexicans, 1519. The first English vessel ever seen in the West Indies arrived at Porto Rico the same year.

Peter the Great signs the plan which he had projected of the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Petersburgh, 1724.

The French pillage the town of Loretto, and send the Madonna to Paris, 1797. No pious feeling could prevail with an insolent soldiery, where so much of the grossest superstition was unveiled. In all kinds of adversity we find a purifying virtue, and that people are surely the most happy who have the sense to profit by their sad experience.

In Addison's "Freeholder" of this day is a humorous assemblage of *patriot fans*: "A pretty young lady will very soon appear with a fan, which has on it a nunnery of lively black-eyed vestals, who are endeavouring to creep out at the grates. Another has a fan mounted with a fine paper, on which is represented a group of people upon their knees very devoutly worshiping an old ten-penny nail. A certain lady, who has a good satirical turn, has filled her fan with the figure of a huge tawdry woman, representing the whore of Babylon. The following designs are already executed on several mountings. The ceremony of the Holy Pontiff opening the mouth of a cardinal in a full consistory. An old gentleman, with a triple crown upon his head, and big with child, being the portrait of Pope Joan. Bishop Bonner purchasing great quantities of faggots and brush-wood, for the conversion of hereticks: with a distant view of Smithfield."

The comic muse holds to the world a picture of itself, raising the fair impartial laugh. *Thomson.*

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XI. FEBRUARY.

Then what's a virgin but a fruitless bay?
And what's a widow but a roseless brier?
And what are wives, but woodbines which decay
The stately oaks, by which themselves aspire?

The fair Contention.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Id. 11.	Princess Elizabeth, (of York), 1466, *Westminster.* *Bernard le Bovier de* Fontenelle, 1657, *Rouen.*	Heraclius (Emperor), 641. St. Benedict, 821. d. *Cleves.* Amurath II. (Emperor), 1451. d. *Adrianople.* Elizabeth Plantagenet (of York), 1502. *Abbey.* Sir William Sidney, 1553. *Penshurst.* René Descartes, 1650. *St. Généviève du Mont.* Francis Osborne, 1659. *Nether-Watton.* Captain John Perry, 1733. Wm. Shenstone, 1763. *Hales-Owen.* Peter de Marivaux, 1763. d. *Paris.* Jean de Béaurain, 1771. d. *Paris.* Dr. John Burton, 1771. *Eton.* Thomas Haweis, 1820. Adam Walker, 1821. d. *Richmond.*

If we consider the fixed stars as so many vast oceans of flame, that are each of them attended with a different set of planets, and still discover new firmaments, and new lights, that are sunk further in those unfathomable depths of ether, so as not to be seen by the strongest of our telescopes, we are lost in such a labyrinth of suns and worlds, and confounded with the immensity and magnificence of nature.—*Addison.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Saturninus, Dativus, and others, *Martyrs of Africa.* 304.
St. Leverinus, *of Agaunum*, d. 507.
The Empress Theodora, d. 867.

The *Utopians* think that we are made by God to live according to nature.—*More.*

We are not, idly, to busy ourselves respecting the evil dispositions of others, but to run on straight in the line, without any loose and extravagant motion.—*Agatho.*

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XI. FEBRUARY.

It is to the English barons that we are indebted for the laws and constitution we possess; their virtues were rude and uncultivated; but they were great and sincere; their understandings were as little polished as their manners; but they had hearts to distinguish the rights of humanity, and they had spirit to maintain them. *Chatham.*

Acts.

HENRY III. in 1225, subscribes the Great Charter of liberties, which is witnessed by thirteen bishops, twenty abbots, and thirty-two earls and barons.

Mezerai records the appearance of a comet of extraordinary magnitude, which was visible in this month, 1471; its head was in the sign of the Balance, and it had a long tail, turning a little towards the north.

Drake, the navigator, is conducted by the *Symerons* to the summit of a large tree, notched with steps, which served them as a watch-tower, and from thence blessed him with a sight of the two seas, on one of which (the Pacific) no English vessel had ever sailed, 1573.

Peter the Great presents to the Royal Academy of Sciences, at Paris, an exact chart of the Caspian Sea, accompanied by a letter of this date, 1721: "The choice you have made of our person for a member of your illustrious Society, could not but be very agreeable to us; and we would not delay to acquaint you by these presents, with what joy and gratitude we accept the place you offer us in your Society, having nothing more at heart, than to contribute our utmost to the advancement of arts and sciences in our kingdoms, in order to render ourselves the more worthy so honourable a rank."

Gray writes to his pupil, Horace Walpole, 1751, on the subject of his far-famed "Elegy," which *the Magazine of Magazines* was about to publish by his *indulgence*, and begging the *honour of his correspondence*: "As I am not at all disposed to be either so indulgent, or so correspondent, as they desire, I have but one way left to escape the honour they would inflict upon me; and therefore am obliged to desire you would make Dodsley to print it immediately from your copy, but without my name, in what form is most convenient for him, but on his best paper and character; he must print it without any interval between the stanzas; and the title must be, "Elegy, written in a country churchyard." The illustrious *brat* was published on the 19th, Shrove-Tuesday, with a pinch or two by nurse Dodsley in the *cradle*, "that I doubt it will bear the marks of as long as it lives."

Comets, importing change of times and states.—*King Henry VI.*

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XII. FEBRUARY.

The grand debate,
The popular harangue, the tart reply,
The logic, and the wisdom, and the wit,
And the loud laugh—I long to know them all.—*Winter Evening.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Id. 12.	Gabriel Naude, 1600, *Paris.* Bishop (John) Pearson, 1613, *Snoring.* Herman Witsius, 1626, *Enckhuysen.* Dr. Cotton Mather, 1663, *Boston, N. A.* Elias de Crebillon, 1707, *Paris.* James Barbeu de Bourg, 1709.	Pelagius II. (Pope), 590. David ap Owen, Bp. 1512. Lady Jane Grey, *beheaded,* 1555. Lord G. Dudley, *beheaded,* 1555. Sir Nicholas Throckmorton, *poisoned,* 1571. George Heriot, 1624. Sir William Alexander, 1640. Mildmay, Earl of Westmoreland, 1665. Adolphus II. (*of Sweden*), 1771. Roger Boscovich, 1787. d. *Milan.* Gabriel Brotier, 1789. d. *Paris.* Ant. d'Auvergne, 1797. d. *Lyons.* Laz. Spallanzani, 1799. d. *Pavia.* Immanuel Kant, 1804.
	I never noted the relations of the devils and witches talking together, but about foolish things. *King James.*	What is in that word, honour? Who hath it? He that died o' Wednesday. Doth he feel it? No. Doth he hear it? No. Is it insensible, then? Yea, to the dead. But will it not live with the living? No. Why? Detraction will not suffer it:—therefore I'll none of it. Honour is a mere scutcheon.—*King Henry IV.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Eulalia (or Olaire) *Patroness of Barcelona. V. Martyr,* d. c. 305. St. Meletius, *Patriarch of Antioch,* d. 381. St. Benedict, *of Anian, Abbot, buried Inde,* 821. St. Anthony Cauleas, *Patriarch of Constantinople,* d. 896.	

Youth prefer beautiful to profitable conduct; for they live more from moral precepts, than from reasoning; but reasoning is directed to that which is profitable, and virtue to that which is beautiful. *Aristoteles.*

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XII. FEBRUARY.

That is bad, saith Aristotle, which either from defect or excess, prevents us from contemplating God; and it is an universal proverb that the *liar*, who possesseth the courage to mock Heaven in the face, will turn his *back*, when he contendeth with men.—*Anon.*

Acts.

THOMAS PLANTAGENET, surnamed De Brotherton, Earl of Norfolk, is invested with the office of *Earl* Marshal of England, 1335. This title was conferred afterwards, in 1383, upon Thomas, Lord Mowbray; and 28th June, 1483, it was granted to Lord John Howard, on his receiving the Dukedom of Norfolk, in which noble house it is now hereditary.

The battle of Roveray, or of *Herrings*, 1429, in which that renowned rogue, Sir John Falstaff, with his little convoy of fifteen hundred archers, entrenched by four hundred waggons of Yarmouth herrings, repulses a body of five thousand French cavalry, and kills six hundred Scotch infantry; but whether these were salted and eaten by his tall fellows, is a problem, and the *despatch* which our poet had surely seen is not extant.

The dignity of *Viscount* is created in England by letters patent in favour of John Baron Beauchamp, 1440. The second Viscounty was conferred, 14th December, 1446, upon Henry Lord Bourchier.

This day is memorable for the *murder*, on the scaffold, of Lady Jane Grey: "Good Christian people, you come to see me die; not for any thing I have offended, for I will deliver to my God a soul as pure from trespass, as innocence from injustice."

The immortal Milton is admitted a Pensioner of Christ's College, Cambridge, 1625. The entry is as follows: "Johannes Milton, Londinensis, filius Johannis, institutus fuit in literarum elementis sub Mro. Gill, Gymnasii Paulini præfecto. Admissus est Pensionarius minor, Feb. 12, 1624, sub Mro. Chappell, solvitque pro ingressu 10*s*." His tutor Mr. William, afterwards Bishop, Chappell, is the reputed author of the "*Whole Duty of Man*;" and Dr. Gill, Master of St. Paul's School, and a composer as it appears of ballads, was the father of Dr. Alexander Gill, Ben Jonson's scurrilous opponent, but whom the poet did not live to see degraded from the Mastership, in 1640, for his "*cruelties and his crimes.*"

General St. Martin achieves the independence of Chili, 1817.

The *Hilary* and *Candlemas* Terms of law in the English and Scotch courts, conclude with the present day.

It is a reverend thing to see an ancient castle, or building, not in decay; how much more to behold an ancient noble family, which hath stood against the waves and weathers of time. *Bacon.*

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XIII. FEBRUARY.

So when my Princess had been seen,
In sweetness of her looks and mind,
By Virtue first, then choice, a Queen,
Tell me if she were not design'd
Th' eclipse and glory of her kind?—*Sir Henry Wotton.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Idus. 13.	Card. Aleander, 1480, *Istria.* Anthony Jos. Pernety, 1716, *Roanne en Forez.* Alex. Wedderburn, (Earl of Rosslyn) 1733, *Chesterhall.* David Allan, 1744, *Alloa.* James Mitan, 1776, *London.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Polyeuctus, *Martyr at Meletine*, 250. St. Martinianus, *Hermit at Athens*, d. c. 4th Century. St. Modomnoc (or Dominic), *Bp. of Ossory*, d. 6th. Cent. St. Stephen, *Abbot in Italy*, 6th Century. St. Licinius (or Lesin), *Bishop of Angers*, 618. St. Gregory II. (Pope), d. 731. Roger, *Abbot in Champagne*, d. *circa* 1175. St. Catharine de Ricci, *Virgin*, 1589.	Nicanor, B.C. 161. *slain, Bethheron.* Andronicus II. A.D. 1332. Catherine Howard, *behead.* 1543. Benv. Cellini, 1570. *Florence.* Alph. Salmeron, 1585. d. *Naples.* Dr. A. Nowel, 1602. *St. Paul's.* Cath. of Bourbon, 1604. *Nanci.* Eliz. C. of Shrewsbury, 1608. Elizabeth (of Bohemia), 1662. d. *Leicester House.* Dr. Wm. Wotton, 1726. *Buxted.* Bp. W. Nicolson, 1727. d. *Derry.* Dr. Cotton Mather, 1728. *Boston, N. A.* Dr. Samuel Croxall, 1752. Dr. Jeremiah Milles, 1784. Charles Count de Vergennes, 1787. d. *Versailles.* John Geo. Forster, 1794. d. *Paris.* Duke de Berri, 1820. *ass. Paris.* If all the pictures and patterns of a merciless prince were lost to the world, they might again be painted to the life out of the history of this king. *Raleigh on Henry VIII.*

There is but this difference, saith one of the Fathers, between the death of old men and young men; old men go to death, and death comes to young men.

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XIII. FEBRUARY.

Each of us is not born for himself alone; but our country claims one part of our birth, our parents another part, and our friends the remaining part.—*Plato.*

Acts.

UPON the thirteenth of the month *Adar*, was kept the Hebrew *fast*, instituted by Esther, in memorial of the day appointed by Haman for the extirpation of her countrymen. The same day was decreed as a *feast* for the death of Nicanor, the Syrian captain, but it seems to have been removed to the 15th of the month.—*See* 2 *Macc.* xv.

The feasts of *Faunus* were celebrated at Rome on the Ides of this month, distinct from the "Faunalia."—*See 5th December.*

The 300 and six *Fabii* are cut to pieces at the Cremera, B. C. 477.

The Civil Government of *Jamaica* is first instituted, A. D. 1661.

THE HAPPY REVOLUTION. William, Prince of Orange, and the Princess Mary, a daughter of the abdicating monarch, are proclaimed on this day (Wednesday), with the approbation of the Lords and Commons, *Sovereigns of England*, 1689. "She came into Whitehall laughing and jolly, as to a wedding, so as to seem quite transported; whilst the Prince, her husband, has a thoughtful countenance, is wonderful serious and silent, and seems to be very intent on affairs."

Burns writes from Ellisland to his friend Cunningham, 1790: "It is surely worthy of an inquiry, whether there be not such a thing as a science of life; whether method, economy, and fertility of expedients, be not applicable to enjoyment; and whether there be not a want of dexterity in pleasure, which renders our little scantling of happiness still less; and a profuseness and intoxication in bliss, which leads to satiety, disgust, and self-abhorrence. There is not a doubt but that health, talents, character, decent competency, respectable friends, are real substantial blessings; and yet do we not daily see those who enjoy many, or all of these good things, contrive, notwithstanding, to be as unhappy as others to whose lot few of them have fallen; I believe one great source of this mistake or misconduct, is owing to a certain stimulus, with us called ambition, which goads us up the hill of life, not as we ascend other eminences, for the laudable curiosity of viewing an extended landscape, but rather for the dishonest pride of looking down on others of our fellow-creatures, seemingly diminutive in humbler stations."

The fair of *Dumfries* was established and fixed to be kept the Wednesday falling on, or next after, this day.

A country life is next in kindred to wisdom and philosophy.—*Columella.*

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XIV. FEBRUARY.

The raven plumes his jetty wing
To please his croaking paramour;
The larks responsive love-tales sing,
And tell their passions as they soar.—*Jago.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVI. Cal. Mar. 14.	Camille Duke de Tallard, 1652, *Dauphiné.* Dr. Waterland, 1683, *Wasely.* R. O. Cambridge, 1717, *London.* Anth. Pereira de Figueiredo, 1725, *Macao.* Cheerfulness is like a sudden sunshine that awakens a secret delight in the mind, without her attending to it. The heart rejoices of its own accord, and naturally flows out into friendship and benevolence towards the *person* who has so kindly an effect upon it.—*Addison.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Valentine, *Priest, Martyr*, c. 270.—*(See Eng. Church Cal.)* St. Abraames, *Bp. of Carres*, d. 422. St. Maro, *Abbot in Syria*, d. 433. St. Auxentius, *of Bithynia*, d. c. 470. St. Conran, *Bp. of Orkney*, d. 7th Century.	Innocent I. (Pope), 417. Honorius II. (Pope), 1130. P. Æm. Sfondrati, 1618. d. *Rome.* Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury, 1713, (N. S.) d. *Naples.* Wm. Harrison, 1713. d. *London.* Chas. Lord Chancellor, Talbot, 1737. *Barrington.* Isaac Hawkins Browne, 1760. Peter Restaut, 1764. d. *Paris.* Capt. James Cook, 1779. *killed, Owhyhee.* Sir Wm. Blackstone, 1780. *Wallingford.* Bp. (Thomas) Newton, 1782. Brass Crosby (*Mayor*), 1793. How many self-congratulations naturally arise in the mind when it reflects on this its *entrance into eternity*, when it takes a view of those faculties, which, even at its first setting out, have made so considerable a progress, and which will be still receiving an increase of perfection, and consequently an increase of happiness!—*Addison.*

And on their way they went, like those two doves,
That, walking highways, every shadow moves.—*Homer.*

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XIV. FEBRUARY.

Her feet beneath her petticoat,
Like little mice, stole in and out,
As if they fear'd the light:
But oh! she dances such a way!
No Sun upon the Easter-day
Is half so fine a sight.

Acts.

THE feast of Purim, or Lots, among the Jews, to commemorate their deliverance by Esther from Haman's conspiracy. This festival begins on the preceding evening, and lasts two days. It was called the feast of *Lots*, because Haman, according to Persian superstition, drew lots to decide the day when his design should be put into execution.

VALENTINE. This day derives its name from the Saint mentioned in the Latin calendar; but the *holiday* is of heathen institution.—*See* 15*th*. Among the household expenses of the princess Mary, 1543, is a gift of forty shillings to George Mountjoy, for "*drawing* her Lady's Grace to his Valentine." The unprosperous marriage of the princess Elizabeth, called "*The Queen of Hearts*," with Count Ferdinand, Elector Palatine of the Rhine, was solemnized with appropriate magnificence on the present day, 1613. The chief poets, excepting Ben Jonson, who seems to have been upon the continent, were in requisition on this very interesting occasion. Beaumont and Chapman supplied masques, and Donne the Epithalamion. Sir Henry Wotton then (perhaps) composed his celebrated Canzo to "*the Lady Elizabeth*," and it is more than probable that Shakspeare, who was certainly in town on the 10th of March, revived the *Winter's Tale* with some courteous changes in the persons and diction of the piece, if indeed it was not composed expressly *for the nonce*, and as a trial of skill with Fletcher, whose sweet pastoral of "The Faithful Shepherdess," was condemned about two years before, by the *many-headed bench*.

Admiral Jervis achieves his splendid victory over the Spanish Fleet, off Cape St. Vincent, 1797.

Our age, commendable in other things, is the age of dryness.—*Voltaire.*

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XV. FEBRUARY.

With looks demure, and silent pace, a Dun,
Horrible monster! hated by gods and men,
With vocal heel thrice thundering at my gate,
With hideous accent thrice he calls; I know
The voice ill-boding, and the solemn sound.—*Splendid Shilling.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
xv. Cal. 15.	Thomas Wagstaff, 1645. Louis XV. *(of France)*, 1710.	Oswy *(of Northumbria)*, 670. Sir Thomas Lyttleton, 1590. Sir Dudley Carleton, 1632. *Abbey.* Claude de la Colombiere, 1682. d. *Parai.* John Philips, 1708. *Hereford.* Dr. Thomas Bray, 1730. Bp. (Francis) Atterbury, 1732. *Abbey.* Chas. Andrew Vanloo, 1765. John Hellot, 1766. d. *Paris.* Scipio Bexon, 1784. d. *Paris.* John Beard, 1791. *Hampton.* Sir John Fenn, 1794. d. *Dereham.* Jos. Comte de Maistre, 1821. d. *Turin.*

I beheld his body half wasted away with long expectation and confinement, and felt what kind of sickness of the heart it was which arises from hope deferred. Upon looking nearer, I saw him pale and feverish: in thirty years the western breeze had not once fanned his blood;—he had seen no sun, no moon, in all that time,—nor had the voice of friend or kinsman breathed through his lattice!—his children—but here my heart began to bleed.—*Sterne's Captive.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Faustinus and Jovita, *Martyrs at Brescia*, c. 121.

St. Sigefride (or Sigfrid), *of York*, Apostle of Sweden, d. 1002.

There is nothing more illustrious in the life of Socrates, than that he had thirty whole days wherein to ruminate upon the sentence of his death; to have digested it all that time with an assured hope, without care, and without alteration.

Montaigne.

Any sect in philosophy will serve my turn, and honest Sancho Panca's is as good as any; who, on his return from an important commission, when asked by his master whether they should mark the day with a *black* or a *white* stone, said, Sir, if you will be ruled by me, with neither; but with *good brown ochre.*—Such is the complexion of human life in general.—*Warburton, in dit.*

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XV. FEBRUARY.

A lazar-house it seem'd; wherein were laid
Numbers of all diseas'd; all feverous kinds.
Dire was the tossing, deep the groans; Despair
Tended the sick, busiest from couch to couch.—*Milton.*

Acts.

QUINQUAGESIMA, or Shrove Sunday, is the *fiftieth* day, and seventh Sunday preceding Easter.—*See 5th April.*

The *Lupercalia*, originally, were rural sacrifices in honour of Pan, introduced into Latium by Evander, the Arcadian. Augustus, with his usual good sense, abated this licentious festival; but the nude superstition was restored, and continued until the time of the Emperor Anastasius, when its rites were totally abrogated, A. D. 496. The Roman youth, by a kind of *conjugalia sortes*, chose their paramours upon this day. The custom, however innocent, was endeavoured to be restrained by the Catholic clergy, who substituted the names, says Mr Butler, of particular saints, written on *billets of paper*, which they distributed not on the present but the preceding day, and from that pious intention we receive the name of the mysterious anniversary of *St. Valentine*. It was Cecrops that first established a marriage vow, in Attica; and perhaps the Juno distinguished by the surname *Februata*, who presided over the nuptial bed at Rome, was no other than the *wife* of the founder of the Palladium—nearly the only *virtue* it adopted of the Greeks.

In 1319, the Prior and Convent of St. Swithin's, at Winchester, grant to Thomas of Shaftesbury, Clerk, a corody of two dishes daily, from the prior's kitchen, bread, drink, robes, and a competent chamber in the monastery for the term of his life; for which the said Thomas paid fifty marks, with an obligation to serve them in the art of medicine, "*deservire nobis in arte medicinæ.*"

The peace of Hubertsburg is concluded at the electoral palace of that name, which terminates the seven years' war between the Austrian and Prussian states, 1763.

Joseph Buonaparte enters Naples upon the capitulation of the garrison, 1806; and on the 30th of March is chosen king, by the acclamation of an enslaved and enervate people.

His studie was but litel on the Bible.—*Chaucer.*

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XVI. FEBRUARY.

Who broke no promise, serv'd no private end,
Who gain'd no title, and who lost no friend—
Ennobled by himself.—*Lines on Craggs.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIV. Cal. 16.	Philip Melancthon, 1497, *Bretten.* Gaspard de Coligni, 1517, *Chatillon sur Loing.* Abp. (John) Sharp, 1644, *Bradford.* Ottomar Elliger, *the Younger*, 1666, *Hamburg.*	St, Pamphilus, 309. d. *Cæsarea.* Abp. Richard, 1184. *Canterb.* Alphonso III. (of *Portugal*), 1279. Abp. (Henry) Deane, 1502. *Canterbury.* Bp. (John) du Bellay, 1560. *Rome.* James Craggs, 1721. *Abbey.* Dr. Richard Mead, 1754. *Temple.* Peter Macquer, 1784. d. *Paris.* John Romilly, 1796. d. *Paris.* Stephen de Lomenie, 1798. d. *Sens.* Francis Gossec, 1829. *Passy.*

The prerogative of infancy is innocency; of childhood, reverence; of manhood, maturity; and of old age, wisdom.

Raleigh.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Onesimus, Disciple of St. Paul, *Martyr*, 95.

Sts. Elias, Jeremy, Isaias, Samuel, and Daniel (Egyptian Martyrs), d. *Cæsarea in Palestine*, 309.

St. Juliana, *V. Martyr at Nicomedia*, c. 309.

St. Tanco (or Tatto), of Scotland, *Bp. Martyr at Verdun*, c. 815.

St. Gregory X. (Pope), 1276.

A sot is like a statue placed in a moist air; all the lineaments of humanity are mouldered away. He has a different *humour* for every nick his drink rises to, like the degrees of a weather-glass, and proceeds from ribaldry and bawdry to politics, religion, and quarreling, until it is at the top, and then are the *dog-days* with him; but falling down again then—he is frozen up.—*Butler.*

The deeds of old are like paths to our eyes.—*Ossian.*

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XVI. FEBRUARY.

Come, Sleep, O Sleep, the certain knot of peace,
The baiting place of wit, the balm of woe,
The poor man's wealth, the prisoner's release,
The indifferent judge between the high and low.—*Sidney.*

Acts.

THE DIONYSIA were solemnities in memory of Bacchus, the Osiris of the Egyptians, observed within the city of Athens, between the eighth and eighteenth days of Elaphebolion, with great splendour and *decorum;* for those women (fourteen in number, and styled the *venerable,*) officiated whose lives were the most free from pollution, as the *oath,* which they took before the wife of one of the chief magistrates, declared. Then the *Tragedies* were exhibited; and a new spirit was infused into emulation, benevolence, and glory, with the spring of the seasons.

Terrestrial Dionysius, annual god,
Who laid asleep in Proserpine's abode,
Didst lull to drowsy and oblivious rest
The rites triennial, and the sacred feast;
Which rous'd again by thee, in graceful ring,
Thy nurses round thee mystic anthems sing;
When briskly dancing with rejoicing powers,
Thou mov'st in concert with the circling hours.—*Orpheus.*

The remains of that incomparable *piece of virtue* Sir Philip Sidney are deposited within the Cathedral of St. Paul, with the honours, if not the sympathy, of royalty, 1587.

Bruce, the traveller, enters Gondar, the capital of Abyssinia, and is introduced into the palace of the emperor, 1770. "Abba Salama, the first religious officer there, was a man exceedingly rich, and of the very worst life possible; though he had taken vows of poverty and chastity, it was said that he had at that time above seventeen mistresses, and his way of seducing them was as extraordinary as the number seduced; for when he had fixed his desires upon a woman, he forced her to comply under pain of *excommunication.*"

According to the tables of Dr. Herschel, if it be new or full moon, or the moon enters into the *first or last quarters,* at or near to *midnight,* it is a sign of fair and frosty weather, unless the wind be S. or S. W.

The business of a poet is to remark general properties, and large appearances: he does not number the streaks of the tulip, or describe the different shades in the verdure of the forest. He must write as the interpreter of nature, and the legislator of mankind, and consider himself as presiding over the thoughts and manners of future generations; as a being superior to time and place.—*Rasselas.*

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XVII. FEBRUARY.

His hope is treacherous only whose love dies
With beauty, which is varying every hour;
But, in chaste hearts uninfluenced by the power
Of outward change, there blooms a deathless flower,
That breathes on earth the air of Paradise.—*Angelo Buonaroti.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIII. Cal. 17.	Francis, Duke of Guise, 1519, *Bar.* Horace de Saussure, 1740, *Geneva.*	Jovian (Emperor), 364. d. *Dadastana.* Michael Angelo, 1564. *Florence.* Sir J. Grey, *k.* 1461. *St. Albans.* J. Bruno, 1600. *burned, Venice.* Eli. Lady Barnard, 1670. *Abingt.* J. B. de Moliere, 1673. *Paris.* Denzil, Lord Hollis, 1680. *Dorchester.* Bp. (Geo.) Bull, 1710. *St. David.* John Hughes, 1720. *London.* Father La Receveur, 1788. *slain, Botany Bay.* Jas. Macpherson, 1796. *Abbey.* H. Pestalozzi, 1827. d. *Brugg.*

As a walled town is more worthy than a village, so is the forehead of a married man more honourable than the bare brow of a bachelor: and by how much *defence* is better than no skill, by so much is a *horn* more precious than to *want*.—*Touchstone.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Theodulus and Julian, *MS. at Cæsarea in Palestine*, 309.
St. Flavian, Abp. of Constantinople, *Martyr in Lydia*, 449.
St. Luman (or Loman), *first Bp. of Trim*, d. 5th Century.
St. Fintan, *Abbot of the Ivy-cave in Leinster*, d. 6th Century.
St. Silvin, *of Auchy*, Bp. *buried*, 718.

A detracter is a person who, if he hears one that is absent spoken ill of, declares that fellow was always his *aversion*; he has the look of a rascal, and yet is a greater rascal than he appears to be: his wife, poor lady! has a sweet time of it, he keeps her as lean as a rake, and will not afford her so little as a *warm-bath* in the middle of February. *Theophrastus.*

I am apt to believe that whether we rammed an atheist whole into a great gun, or pulverized our infidels, as they do in Poland, such is the natural good sense of the British Nation, we should not have many charges.—*Eustace Budgell.*

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XVII. FEBRUARY.

Look up, thou seed of envy, and still bring
Thy faint and narrow eyes to read the King
In his great actions: he whom his large hand
Hath rais'd to be the wall unto his land.—*Jonson, in dit.*

Acts.

SHROVE TUESDAY, the solemn period of *confession* introductory to the Lent fast, and still noticed in the formula of the Catholic church.—*See 5th April.* Upon the Monday eggs and *collops of bread* only were permitted to be eaten, and the more simple diet of *cakes* was appropriated for the present day; showing, by a practical lesson, that rebellious *men* is better introduced than driven to mortification, although a very necessary, and indeed an universal observance. The old English diversion of "Cock-fighting" upon this day was one of the institutions of the East (we can trace it into Greece); and perhaps symbolical of the sun's entrance into the vernal quarter; for this bird will always sound its *clarion* at the changes of light. Evelyn reaches Venice at Shrovetide, 1646, "when all the world repair to it to see the folly and madness of the *Carnival;* the women, men, and persons of all conditions disguising themselves in antick dresses, traversing the streets, from house to house, with extravagant music and a thousand gambols, all places being then accessible, and free to enter. Abroad, they fling eggs filled with sweet water, but sometimes not over sweet. They have also a barbarous custom of hunting bulls about the streets and piazzas, which is very dangerous. The youth of the several parishes contend in other masteries and pastimes; the great banks are set up for those who will play at basset; the comedians have liberty, and the operas are open; witty pasquils are thrown about, and the mountebanks have their stages at every corner." The follies of the carnival seem borrowed from the *festum stultorum*, held on this day in ancient Rome, and have little dependence, it may be feared, on the present season of *devotion.*

The Quirinalia were established on this day, in honour of *Romulus:* and the *Feralia*, sacred to the *Manes*, or those deities who were supposed to have the custody of departed souls, a pious festival which continued for eleven days.—Dr. Forster observes an appearance similar to the *aurora borealis*, in the Southern Ocean, 58 degrees of latitude, 1773.

The real loss of a good man, may be called a distress to the world, and ought to affect us more than any feigned or ancient distress how finely drawn soever.
Pope on Hughes.

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XVIII. FEBRUARY.

He is set for the fall, and rising again, of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against. *Simeon.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XII. Cal. 18.	Isaac Casaubon, 1559, *Geneva.* Edward, Lord Clarendon, 1609, *Dinton.* John Gravina, 1664, *Roggiano.* James Cassini, 1677, *Paris.* Dr. Rob. Henry, 1718, *Muir Town.* Alexander Volta, 1745, *Como.* The difference between a letter and an oration is that the one should be attired like a woman, the other like a man. The tongue and the pen are both of them interpreters of the mind; but the pen is the more faithful of the two, as it hath a greater advantage of premeditation, is not so subject to error, and leaves things behind it upon authentic record.—*Howell.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Simeon (or Simon), Bp. of Jerusalem, *Martyr*, d. 116. Sts. Leo and Paregorius, *Martyrs at Patara*, 3rd Century.	St. Angilbert, 814. *St. Requier.* Gregory V. (Pope), 999. George, Duke of Clarence, *murdered*, 1478. *Tewkesbury.* Martin Luther, 1546. *Wittemb.* Sir R. Baker, 1645. *St. Bride's.* Gregorio Allegri, 1652. *Rome.* John Louis de Balzac, 1654. *Notredame des Anges.* John Labadie, 1672. d. *Altona.* Dr. Thos. Hyde, 1702. *Hamboro'.* Ph. Verheyen, 1710. d. *Louvain.* Baron Gortz, *beheaded*, 1719. Dr. Sir George Wheeler, 1724. Charles Beckingham, 1730. G. B. Bilfinger, 1750. *Stutgard.* Joseph Berruyer, 1758. d. *Paris.* John Ernest Count Bernstorf, 1772. d. *Hamburg.* Joseph Terray, 1778. d. *Paris.* The choleric, angry, impatient man can be very little delighted with friendship, since he abhors nothing so much as contradiction.—*Clarendon.*

People should so act that love and natural right may ever predominate. A truly just judgment cannot be pronounced by the aid of any book, but should proceed directly from the mind, as though no book existed. Therefore written laws should be under the government of reason, and reason should not be held prisoner by words. *Luther.*

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XVIII. FEBRUARY.

Full forty days he passed; whether on hill
Sometimes, anon on shady vale, each night
Under the covert of some ancient oak,
Or cedar, to defend him from the dew.—*Paradise Regained.*

Acts.

ASH WEDNESDAY, begins the great and primitive fast of *forty days*, instituted by Noah, as an eternal beacon to future ages of the providence of GOD in the preservation of the world: the number of days corresponding with the interval between *the settlement of the dove*, on Sunday the twelfth of August, and *the first day of the New Year* (Friday), B.C. 2348. It was probably observed by the Patriarch and his pious descendants (among whom we enumerate the ancient Hebrews) until the time of Moses and *the change of the year*, during the four decades preceding the autumnal equinox.—*See* 21*st September*. The eminence upon which Christ himself solemnized this period of privation, called "the Mountain of Forty Days," is even now a *hallowed* spot, and commands the noblest surview in the province; overlooking the mountains of Arabia, the country of Gilead, the land of the Ammonites, the plains of Moab, and of Jericho (on which it stands), and the flat surface of the Dead Sea. After our Saviour's Resurrection, this institution was, by his disciples, very happily blended (because falling exactly on the day when *the ark rested*) with a more *glorious event*—the second, or moral regeneration of mankind.—*See* 5*th April*. By the omission of the six intervening *Sundays* (which were, with good reason, regarded as festivals of rest), there are *forty days*; an arrangement that was first *published* by Pope Felix in the year 487; but the custom of sprinkling *ashes* (clearly a remote allusion to the deluge) on the heads of penitents, was not introduced until about the end of the 6th Century, and *established* afterwards by the council of Beneventum, in 1091. In this kingdom the *comminatory* service was substituted in its place, at the Reformation.

According to the tables of Trivalore, the great Hindostan epoch, *Callyhougham*, began at *sunrise* this day, B.C. 3102, that is A.M. 902, and before the death of Adam.

While the Earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.—*Pentateuch.*

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XIX. FEBRUARY.

The world's infections; few bring back, at eve,
Immaculate, the manners of the morn.—*Anon.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XI. Cal. 19.	Galileo *Galilei*, 1564, *Pisa.* Henry Fred. Prince of Wales, 1594, *Stirling Castle.* Peter Motteux, 1660, *Rouen.* Richard Cumberland, 1732, *Trinity College, Cambridge.*	Dec. Albinus (Emperor), *killed*, 198. *Rhone* (*river*). Erasmus Reinhold, 1553. Bp. (Thomas) Bentham, 1578. *Eccleshall.* L. Vanini, 1619. *burnt, Toulouse.* Sir Henry Savile, 1622. *Eton.* Dr. Francis Bernard, 1697. Peter Motteux, *murdered*, 1717, *St. Clement Danes.* Francis de Sauvages, 1767. d. *Montpellier.* Matthew Tait, 1792. d. *Auchinleck*, aged 123. Nicholas Joseph Selis, 1802. Eliz. Carter, 1806. *Grosv. Chapel.*

This same skull, sir, was *Yorick's* skull. I knew him, Horatio: a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy. Where be your jibes now? your gambols? your songs? your flashes of merriment, that were wont to set the table in a roar? not one, to mock your own grinning? quite chop-fallen! Now get you to my lady's chamber, and tell her, let her paint an inch thick, to this favour she must come; make her laugh at *that.*

Hamlet.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Barbatus (or Barbas), *Bishop of Benevento*, 684.

What a striking contrast there is in the two aged *Brothers* of Terence: the one is all mildness and good humour; whereas the other, on the contrary, is represented as an absolute churl. As to *avarice*, nothing can be more irrational and absurd, than for an old man to increase his provision for the road, the nearer he approaches to his journey's end.—*Cicero.*

All the pleasure in the world is not worth an oath.—*Prince Henry.*

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XIX. FEBRUARY.

You must bear with me: pray now forget and forgive.—*King Lear.*

Acts.

THE CHARISTIA, were solemn banquets of love and good will held at Rome on this day between families and relatives. The feast of *Chiggim* observed by the Jews, the *Agapæ*, or love feasts of the primitive Christians, the *Sussitia* of the Cretans, and the *Philitia* of the Spartans were all of a kindred spirit to those *household* assemblies so laudably cherished by the Romans.—The Feast of Lanterns is kept in China on the fifteenth day of the first moon (this day), when it is said that two hundred millions of those fanciful emblems of light and benevolence are suspended over the portals of humanity. It is for broad-eyed erudition to *retrace* these footsteps through the sand-banks of time.

Pyrrhus passes into Italy about this day, with twenty elephants, three thousand horse, twenty thousand heavy-armed foot, two hundred archers, and five hundred slings, having very narrowly escaped shipwreck, B. C. 280. It was the merit of this heroic prince to be great only in his conceptions, and perhaps in adversity. He was humane, abounded in gratitude; was affable, and temperate in his enmities; but Antigonus compares him to a man at dice, who has admirable fortune but plays badly;—for whatever he acquired by his exploits he lost by the vanity of his expectations. Like Pompey, that idol of the historian, he has all of our love, but none of our faith; a charming figure from Nature's chisel, resting on a pedestal of clay.—In the same year Demosthenes was honoured at Athens with a statue, on the motion of his nephew Demochares: Ceraunus is slain by the Gauls: Chrysippus, the Stoic, is born at Tarsus,—more famous as the birth-place of St. Paul: and the Achæan League, in which the energies of Aratus were enlisted, is established.

Prince Charles and Buckingham embark at Dover and land at Boulogne, 1623, on their romantic expedition to *Madrid*.

The sixth month, *Ventóse*, of the French Republican Calendar began; about the day that the sun enters the sign *Pisces*.

Silence is an answer to a wise man.—*Euripides.*

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XX. FEBRUARY.

Among the hinderers of religion I comprehend as well those that are too swift, as those that are too slow; those that go before the law, or behind the law, as those that will not follow.—*Sir Nicholas Bacon.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
x. Cal. 20.	M. F. A. de Voltaire, 1694, *Chatenay,* David Garrick, 1716, *baptized, Hereford.* The English House of Commons is properly the nation. Peers and bishops are in parliament only for *themselves,* and the House of Commons for all the country.—*Voltaire.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Tyrannio, Zenobius, and others, *Martyrs in Phœnicia,* c. 310. St. Sadoth, *Bp. of Seleucia and Ctesiphon,* with 128 companions, *Martyrs,* 342. St. Eleutherius, *Bp. of Tournay, Martyr,* 532. St. Mildred, *V. Abbess in Thanet,* d. 7th Century. St. Eucherius, *Bp. of Orleans,* d. 743. St. Ulrick, *of England,* d. 1154.	Archbishop, (Thomas) Arundel, 1414. *Canterbury.* Martin V. (Pope), 1431. Matteo Boiardo, 1494. d. *Reggio.* L. Castelvetro, 1571. d. *Basil.* Sir Nicholas Bacon, 1579. *St. Paul's.* Dorothy Sidney, Countess of Sunderland, 1684. *Brington.* Elizabeth Rowe, 1737. *Frome.* Robert, 19th E. of Kildare, 1744. Usher Gahagan, *executed,* 1749. John de Mairan, 1771. d. *Paris.* Charles III. (*of Savoy*), 1773. Laura Bassi, 1778. Joseph II. (Emperor), 1790. Dr. John Moore, 1802. d. *Richmond.* Richard Gough, 1809. *Wormley.* Dr. Arthur Young, 1820. For my name and memory I leave it to men's *charitable* speeches, and to foreign nations and the next ages.—*Lord Bacon's Will.*

Infirmity, that decays the wise, doth ever make the better fool.—*Malvolio.*

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XX. FEBRUARY.

It is easy for him who has his foot out of adversity to advise those who are travelling in the mire.—*Æschylus.*

Acts.

SOPHOCLES obtains his first tragic victory in the month *Elaphebolion*, about the present day, B. C. 468, at those dramatic games established in memory of the recovery, by Cimon, of the ashes of Theseus from the Scyrians. This award of ten impartial censors, selected by the general himself, in favour of a young man then unknown within the theatre of fame, is said to have so disconcerted Æschylus that he retired to the vicinity of Gela, in Sicily, where, twelve years after, he closed his *honourable* existence. The same year in which the "*Triptolemus*" was produced at Athens marks also the birth of Socrates, and of Andocides (the orator); and the deaths of Simonides and Aristides, as well as the destruction of Mycenæ by the Argives. The "*Clouds*" of Aristophanes was exhibited in that month, B. C. 423, which fixes the age of Socrates at *forty-five* when he was calumniated upon the stage.

Edward VI. is inaugurated with three crowns, emblems of his sovereignty over England, *France*, and Ireland, 1547. This event took place in the prince's tenth year, and four days after the interment of his father.

The state-espousals of Peter, Czar of Muscovy, and his wife, Catharine Alexievna, called by etiquette his Majesty's *Old Wedding*, are solemnized at Petersburg, seven o'clock of the morning, 1712.

The "*Freeholder*" of Addison, on the standard of money, 1716; "One cannot but pity the melancholy condition of a miser in France, who is perpetually telling his *livres*, without being able to know how rich he is. He is as ridiculously puzzled and perplexed as a man that counts the stones on Salisbury Plain, which can never be settled to any certain number, but are more or fewer every time he reckons them."

Almost all girls of quality are educated as if they were to be great ladies, which is often as little to be expected, as an immoderate heat of the sun in the north of Scotland.—*Lady Montagu.*

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XXI. FEBRUARY.

Youth's liveliest bloom, a never-fading grace,
And more than beauty sparkles in her face;
Yet her bright form creates no loose desires,
At once she gives and purifies our fires,
And passions chaste as her own soul inspires.

Thomas Rowe.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IX. Cal. 21.	Pierre du Bosc, 1623, *Bayeux.*	Caius Cæsar Agrippa, A.D. 4. *killed, Lycia.*
		James I. (*of Scotland*), *murdered, Perth,* 1437.
		Julius II. (Pope), 1513.
		Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk, *beheaded,* 1555.
		Robert Southwell, *execu.* 1595.
		Secretary John Thurloe, 1668. *Lincoln's Inn.*
		Charles Spon, 1684. d. *Lyons.*
		Peter Allix, 1717. d. *London.*
		Benedict XIII. (Pope) 1730.
		Jacob Schnebbelie, 1792.
		Eugene de Beauharnois (Duke of Leuchtenburg), 1824. d. *Munich.*

Pompey fled among the Egyptian slaves, to save his life, after loss of empire and liberty: Cæsar chose to die once rather than live in fear of dying: Cato to die, rather than outlive the liberties of his country, or submit to a conqueror. Atticus preferred the quiet of life before all riches and power; yet were all these contemporaries, and the four greatest of Rome.

Sir William Temple.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Daniel, *Priest,* and Verda, *Virgin, Martyrs,* 344.
St. Severianus, *Bp. of Scythopolis, Martyr,* c. 452.
Pepin of Landen, *Mayor of the Palace,* 640.
Sts. German, *Abbot,* and Randaut (or Randoald), *Martyrs,* c. 666.

The man of raillery, who would as soon bite off his tongue as break a jest on the profession of arms in the presence of a military man, shall instantly brighten up, and assume an air of impertinence with the clergy and the Church.

Berkeley.

Shut the windows that the house may be light.—*Arabian Proverb.*

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XXI. FEBRUARY.

Those easily decide who regard but few things.—*Aristoteles.*

Acts.

JAMES HOWELL addresses Sir Edward Spencer this day, 1647-8:

"Surely the witch of Endor is no *fable;* the burning Joan of Arc, at Rouen, and the Marchioness D'Ancre, of late years, in Paris, are no fables: the execution of Nostradamus for a kind of witch, some fourscore years since, who among other things foretold that *the senate of London will kill their King*. St. Augustin speaks of women who could turn men to horses; and in some of the northern countries it is common to buy and sell *winds* as it is to do wines in other parts. Thamus, the Italian pilot, a little after the birth of Christ, was told in the dead of night that *the great god Pan* (the oracle of Calabria) *was dead;* thereunto may be added the rich widow that was burned in Lyons, because it was proved the devil had lain with her. But we need not cross the sea for examples of this kind, we have too many (God wot) at home. Scotland swarms with them, and persons of good quality are executed daily."

Swift's journals are continued on this day (N. S.) as follows:

1711.—"How do you pass your time this ugly weather? Gaming and drinking, I suppose: fine diversions for young ladies, truly. I wish you had some of our Seville oranges, and we some of your wine. I am resolved to have half a hogshead when I get to Ireland, if it be good and cheap, as it used to be; and I'll treat M. D. at my table in an evening, *oh hoa*, and laugh at great ministers of state."

1712.—"I saw Prince Eugene at court to-day very plain. He is plaguy yellow, and literally ugly besides. A puppy of figure here, with a fine chariot, asked me one day at court, when I had been just talking with some lords who stood by, Doctor, when shall we see you in the county of Meath? I whispered him to take care what he said, for the people would think *he was some barbarian*."

Nothing is more generally exploded than the folly of talking too much; yet I rarely remember to have seen five people together, where some one among them hath not been predominant, to the great restraint and disgust of all the rest.

Swift.

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XXII. FEBRUARY.

A loquacious man, after seizing every one that falls in his way by the button, will fling himself into a circle of grave men who are talking upon business, and with one brisk volley of impertinence disperse the whole assembly. He is so insensible of raillery in this point, that he is pleased with his own children when they desire him to talk them asleep with one of *his* stories.—*Theophrastus.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VIII. Cal. 22.	John George de Pompignan, 1715, *Montauban.* Theoph. de Bordeu, 1722, *Ieste.* Dr. Rich. Price, 1723, *Tynton.* Charles, D. of Richmond, 1735. Gilbert Wakefield, 1756, *Nottingham.*	St. Isabel *of Longchamp*, 1270. David II. (of Scotland), 1371. d. *Edinburgh Castle.* Ferdinand I. (*of Tuscany*), 1609. John Chapelain, 1674. d. *Paris.* Frederick Ruysch, 1731. William Couston, 1746. d. *Paris.* James Barry, 1806. *St. Paul's.* Smithson Tennant, 1815. d. *Boulogne.* Dr. Adams Ferguson, 1816. d. *St. Andrew's.* Eleanor Anne Porden, 1825.

A flatterer is one that, if a piece of lint appears upon your trowsers, takes it off with great officiousness; and whenever the person to whom he would make his court begins to speak, he begs the company to be silent, most impudently praises him to his face, is in raptures while he speaks, and, when he has concluded, exclaims, *How very good!*

When he enters the *nursery* of his patron, he will call the children about him and distribute a pocket full of apples with a great deal of fondness; wonders to see so many fine boys, and turning about to the father, tells him, *they are all as like him as they can stare.*—Theophrastus.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Thalassius and Limneus, 5th Century.
St. Baradat, 5th Century.
St. Margaret, *of Cortona*, 1297.

If he be free, why then, my taxing like a wild goose flies, unclaimed of any man.—*As You Like It.*

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XXII. FEBRUARY.

The ancient times were the infancy of the world, saith Bacon. The child is father to the man, saith—*Wordsworth.*

Acts.

QUADRAGESIMA SUNDAY, originally the first day of the great fast, and so called because it is the *fortieth* day before GOOD FRIDAY, when a more rigid abstinence for forty *hours* was appointed by the church.—*See 3rd April.* With the first Sunday in Lent commences one of the four weeks in which the EMBER DAYS (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday) fall, called "Ymbren" in the laws of Alfred and Canute, and by the canonists *quatuor anni tempora,*" i. e. the four seasons of the year, when the solstitial and equinoctial rains are prevalent. The root of the word "ember" seems to be the Greek *ombros*, or the Latin *imbres*, signifying "showers of rain;" and although these periods of *humiliation* were decreed to be observed in the Christian service, about the year 220, by Pope Calixtus, and placed in the *calendar* 1095, they are probably of the highest antiquity, in remembrance of God's covenant with Noah.—*See 15th December.*—It is not irrelevant to add, that the Juno *Imbrasia*, patroness of the seasons, received her worship in this month.

By the Council of Oxford the curse of excommunication is decreed to be said *medicinal* four times in the year; i. e. upon *this day*, Trinity Sunday, the Octave of the Virgin, and upon the first Sunday of the Advent. Within this *ban* are all those who use false weights and measures; the helpers of Saracens against Christian men; and those who falsify the seal of our lord the King, or any other seal authentic.

Edward III. celebrates a *jubilee*—he had reigned fifty years.

The Festival of the establishment of *St. Peter's Chair*, at Antioch, about the year 36, is kept on this day by the Catholic Church. It is called "*Brand Sunday*" in some parts of France (the Lionnois), from an ancient but absurd custom among the peasants of assembling in the gardens and orchards at night, with lighted *torches*, and after having plighted every tree, devoting them to *deadly use* if not fruitful in season.

Wassail the trees, that they may bear
You many a plum and many a pear.—*Herrick.*

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XXIII. FEBRUARY.

She possesses an excellent understanding, together with a consummate prudence, and gives the strongest testimony of the purity of her heart by her fondness of me. For it is not my youth or my person, which time gradually impairs; it is my reputation and my glory of which she is enamoured.—*Pliny the Younger.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VII. Cal. 23.	Samuel Pepys, 1632, *Bampton, (Hunts).* Charles Patin, 1633, *Paris.* William Mason, 1725, *Hull.* Samuel Badcock, 1747, *South Molton.*	Eugenius IV. (Pope), 1447. Don Diego Columbus, 1526. Francis Count Enghien, *k.* 1545. Sir Thomas Wyat, *beh.* 1555. Andrew Dudith, 1589. And. Cæsaralpinus, 1603. d. *Rome.*
	Sombrius is scandalized at youth for being lively, and at childhood for being playful. He sits at a christening or a marriage feast as at a funeral; sighs at the conclusion of a merry story; and grows devout when the rest of the company grow pleasant. After all, Sombrius is a religious man.—*Addison.*	Dr. Thomas Goodwin, 1679. Magnus Steinbock, 1717. d. *Frederickshaven.* Stanislaus I. (*of Poland*), 1766. Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1792. *St. Paul's.* Nicholas Stofflet, 1796. *shot, Angers.* Dr. Joseph Warton, 1800. d. *Wickham, Hants.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Serenus (or Gardiner), *Martyr,* d. *Sirmium,* 307. St. Boisil, *Prior of Melross,* 664. St. Milburge, *V. Abbess in Shropshire,* d. 7th Century. Dositheus, *a Monk of Palestine.* Peter Damian, Cardinal, *Bishop of Ostia,* 1072.	The eclipse of the sun is, when it is new moon; the eclipse of the moon when it is full. They say Dionysius was converted by the eclipse that happened at our Saviour's death, because it was neither of these, and so could not be natural. *Selden.*

Weak people are incapable of sincerity.—*Rochefoucault.*

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XXIII. FEBRUARY.

Man marks not thee, marks not the mighty hand,
That, ever busy, wheels the silent spheres;
Works in the secret deep; shoots, steaming, thence
The fair profusion that o'erspreads the Spring;
Flings from the sun direct the flaming day.---*Thomson.*

Acts.

THE TERMINALIA of the Romans, a festival of two days, founded by Numa, and named from those equitable deities who presided over *boundaries*, because with the second day concluded the *Latian* (*intercalary*) *year*, when probably the conquered lands of Romulus were apportioned, and the laws of property established. By the appointment of Varro these feasts were removed from the present day, and included in, or made to follow the "*Saturnalia*," which, in the Julian year, was their proper station. The sacrifice was *a lamb!* It is a singular coincidence for the comment of those who can reconcile partial revelation with the destinies of sublunary beings, that the *Mexicans*, a people living under the same parallel with the natives of Thebais and Hindostan, both equally celebrated for their aboriginal antiquity and astronomical lore, begin their year upon this day.

The soldiers of Diocletian, in the morning, demolish the principal church of Nicomedia, and commit the sacred volumes to the flames, A. D. 303. Upon the *next* day was published the first general Edict of *persecution* against the Christians, by which all their religious assemblies in the empire were to be levelled to their foundations, and the church property confiscated, and sold to the highest bidder, or granted to rapacious courtiers. This abominable decree was instantly torn from its *column* by a Christian of rank. "He was burnt, or rather roasted, by a slow fire," and suffered with the patience of a *martyrdom*.

Edward II. is inaugurated, with his Queen, at Westminster, 1308; the same day that Katherine, the Queen of Henry V. was crowned at London, with extraordinary state, 1420.

Johnson relinquishes his office of Composer of the *Debates*, 1743.

The remains of that immense race, the Pelasgians, were solitary, detached, widely scattered relics; appearing to the Greek genealogists not as really they were, fragments of a great people, like mountain-peaks towering as islands, where floods have turned the lowlands into a sea, but settlements formed by emigration.---*Niebuhr.*

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XXIV. FEBRUARY.

Those that are first raised to nobility, are commonly more virtuous, but less innocent, than their descendants; for there is rarely any rising but by a commixture of good and evil arts; whilst the memory of their virtues commonly remaineth to their posterity, and their faults die with themselves.---*Bacon.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Cal. 24.	John Picus, Count of *Mirandola*, 1463. Charles V. (*of Spain*), 1500. *Ghent.* Matthias de Hoe, 1580, *Vienna.* George F. Handel, 1684, *Halle.* James Quin, 1693, *Cov. Gard.* Thomas Townshend, Viscount Sydney, 1733. Robert, Lord Gifford, 1779. **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Matthias, the Apostle (chosen by lot, c. 33), *died at Colchis.* (*See Eng. Church Cal.*) Sts. Montanus, Lucius, Flavian, Julian, Victoricus, Primolus, Rhenus, and Donatian, *Martyrs at Carthage*, 259. St. Pretextatus (or Prix), *Abp. of Rouen, M.* c. 585. St. Lethard (or Luidhard) *Bp. of Senlis*, d. *Canterbury*, 596. St. Ethelbert, *first Christian King of England*, and Founder of St. Paul's, d. 616. Robert, of Arbrissel, 1116.	Richard de la Pole, *killed*, 1525. *Pavia.* Francis, Duke of Lorraine, *k.* 1525. *Pavia.* General de la Tremouille, 1525. *killed, Pavia.* Francis, Duke of Guise, *assassinated*, 1563. Sir Thomas Adams, 1667. James, Earl of Derwentwater, *beheaded*, 1716. John Sheffield, Duke of Buckinghamshire, 1721. *Abbey.* Isaac Wood, 1752. Joseph (*of Portugal*), 1777. Charles Buonaparte, 1785. Stephen Lewis Malus, 1812. John VI. (*of Portugal*), 1826. When I hear music first, I am satisfied with the sound; but after I have heard it awhile, I look what the meaning of it is, what it signifies—and then 'tis but air.—*King James.*

I have a reasonable good ear in musick; let us have the tongs and the bones.
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XXIV. FEBRUARY.

What win I, if I gain the thing I seek?
A dream, a breath, a froth of fleeting joy.
Who buys a minute's mirth, to wail a week?
For one sweet grape who will the vine destroy?
Or what fond beggar, but to touch the crown,
Would with the sceptre straight be strucken down?

Rape of Lucrece.

NUMA, when he introduced at Rome the Egyptian manner of computing time by the cycle, inserted his intercalary month, which was termed *Mercedinus*, in this place, not without some political respect, perhaps, to the ancient form of the year, which he had changed, the 24th day of February being about the point where the Romulian, or Alban calendar terminated. By adding a short month, alternately of twenty-two and twenty-three days every other year, the lunar or civil time of three hundred and fifty-five days was made to correspond, at the end of a lustrum of five years, nearly with the solar revolution; and at the conclusion of twenty-two years, by not intercalating the last biennium, and adding twenty-two instead of twenty-three days, in the twentieth year, the equinoxes were brought back to their places, indeed with a precision that even the Julian era did not attain, for its *excess* in minutes was more than the *deficiency* in Numa's supputation. Five of these periods composed the great century of one hundred and ten years, by which the growth of the Roman state was ascertained historically with the Prætor's *nail.*—*See* 13*th September.* Festus mentions the "Dies Mercedonii" as certain days appointed for the payment of the wages of artisans and *servants*; but whether the month was named from so vague a circumstance, or as a compliment to that shrewd *secretary* of the old serpent Time, ycleped *Mercury*, is a crux for the linguist.—This was the *leap-day* in the Julian year, called "*bissextile*," because the sixth day of the calends was repeated.—*See* 29*th February.*

The Regifuge or flight of Tarquin *the Proud*, and the foundation of the Roman republic, marked in the calendar as a *white* or fortunate day. *See* 29*th May.*

Francis I. is taken captive, four miles from his camp at Pavia, 1525.

Valdivia founds the capital of Chili, *St. Jago*, 1541.

Thomas Cavendish passes the Straits of Magellan, 1587.

God forbid, said Curius to his soldiers, that a citizen should look upon that as a small piece of land which is sufficient to support a man.

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XXV. FEBRUARY.

The Gospel is our manhood.—*Milton.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
v. Cal. 25.	Germain de Saint-Foix, 1703, *Rennes.*	Felix III. (Pope), 492. Lucius II. (Pope), 1145. Wm. Lily, 1523. *St. Paul's.* Robert, Earl of Essex, *beheaded*, 1601. *Warwick.* Robert, Earl of Dorset, 1609. Daniel Heinsius, 1655. d. *Leyden.* General Nicholas Catinat, 1712. d. *St. Gratian.* Frederick I. (*of Prussia*), 1713. Sir Christopher Wren, 1723. *St. Paul's.* Joseph Francis Desmahis, 1761. Dr. William Buchan, d. 1805.
	A confusion and concern in the countenance of a speaker throws a grace upon all he utters; for there is a certain decent timidity which, I know not how, is infinitely more engaging than the assured and self-sufficient air of confidence.—*Pliny.*	
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Victorinus and Six Companions, *Martyrs*, d. 284. St. Cæsarius, *a physician of Constantinople*, 369. St. Walburge, *Virgin of England*, d. 779. St. Tarasius, *Patriarch of Constantinople*, d. 806.	As the least discord is immediately perceived by a skilful musician, so we ought more especially to employ our care in avoiding those little unheeded indecencies which are hardly understood by the generality of mankind.—*Cicero.*

Those sins are greater which are committed through wantonness, than those which are committed through anger; for the former are sins of pleasure, the latter of grief.—*Theophrastus.*

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XXV. FEBRUARY.

Late supping I forbear;
Wine and women I forswear;
My neck and feet I keep from cold;
No marvel then though I be old.
I am a willow, not an oak;
I chide, but never hurt with stroke.—*Powlett.*

Acts.

POMPEY THE GREAT is elected, and declared by the Interrex, sole Consul, B. C, 52. "Any government," said Cato on this occasion, "is preferable to anarchy; and no man is better qualified than Pompey to hold the reins of the state in a time of such disorder." When the chief magistrate thanked him for his assistance, that stern republican replied, *What I spoke in the senate was with a view to serve the commonwealth, not to serve you.*

Sir William Cecil, the minister of Queen Elizabeth, is dignified with the *Barony of Burghley*, in Lincolnshire, on this day, 1571; and in the next year he succeeded to the office of *Lord High Treasurer*, upon the decease of William Powlett, Marquis of Winchester, a man who lived prosperously under seven monarchs, and left behind him one hundred and three descendants, who had witnessed his garrulity.

Handel produces his second opera, entitled "*Nero*," at Hamburg, 1705.

Tamaahmaah, the King of *Owhyhee*, cedes his dominions, and a council of the nation acknowledge themselves subject to the sovereignty of Great Britain, 1794.

The "*Lover*" appears under the direction of that prince of *benevolence*, Sir Richard Steele, 1714: "I would have this leaf go off like an act in a play, *with a couplet*; but the spirit of that will be wholly in the power of the reader, who must quicken his voice hereabouts, like an actor at his exit, helping an empty verse with lively hand, foot, and voice at once; and if he is reading to ladies, say briskly, that, '*with regard to the greatest part of mankind,*

Foreign is every character beside;
But that of lover every man has tried.'"

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XXVI. FEBRUARY.

When a painter is to represent a fine and elegant form, which happens to possess some little blemish, we do not require him entirely to omit, nor yet to mark it with exactness. So those faults and stains, that are rather defects of virtue than signs of a bad heart, we should cast a little into shade, in reverence to human nature, which produces no specimen of virtue absolutely pure and perfect. *Plutarch.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
IV. Cal. 26.	Dr. John Edwards, 1637, *Hertford.* Anthony Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, 1671, *Exeter House.* James Hervey, 1714, *Hardingstone.* James Mercer, 1734. The Life of Savage I am ready to go upon; and, in great primer, and pica notes, I reckon on sending in half a sheet a day; but the money for that shall likewise lie by in your hands till it is done. With the debates, shall not I have business enough? if I had but good pens. *Johnson to Cave.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Alexander, *Patriarch of Alexandria*, d. 326. St. Porphyrius, *Bishop of Gaza*, d. 420. St. Victor (or Vittre), *of Champagne*, 7th Century.	Manfred (*of Tarento*), *killed*, 1266. Henry Lord Percy, 1352. John, Cardinal de Brogni, 1426. *Rome.* Robert Fabian, 1513. *Cornhill.* Anth. Possevin, 1611. *Ferrara.* Claude Mezeriac, 1638. d. *Bourg.* Sir Nicholas Crispe, 1666. *St. Mildred's.* Godfrey, Count d'Estrades, 1686. Sir Charles Scarborough, 1696. *Cranford Bridge.* Thos. d'Urfey, 1723. *St. James's.* Maximilian (*of Bavaria*), 1726. d. *Munich.* Yves-Mary Andree, 1764. William Duncombe, 1769. Joseph Tartini, 1770. d. *Padua.* Dr. Alexander Geddes, 1802. *Paddington.* John Philip Kemble, 1823. d. *Lausanne.* Dr. William Kitchiner, 1827.

One top of Parnassus was sacred to Bacchus, the other to Apollo.—*Swift.*

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XXVI. FEBRUARY.

That spell upon the minds of men
Breaks never to unite again,
That led them to adore
Those Pagod things of sabre-sway,
With fronts of brass, and feet of clay.—*Byron.*

Arts.

THE EPOCH named from Nabonassar, (a King of Babylon, after the division of the Assyrian monarchy), called also the *Egyptian Year*, began the first day of the month *Thoth*, corresponding with Wednesday the twenty-sixth of February in the Julian calendar, B. C. 747. It was a solar intercalary period of three hundred and sixty-five days *only*, so that nearly one day was lost every four years; and, consequently, at the end of fourteen hundred and sixty years it ran through all the Julian months, whence it is termed an erratic year. About the time of the conquest of Egypt, B. C. 31, the beginning of the *civil* year at Alexandria, (i. e. the first of Thoth) fell upon the 29th of August, which was then fixed by Augustus to be the commencement in future of a new era.—*See 29th August.* As notes of comparison, the foundation of the Nabonassarean Era took place about *six years* after the building of Rome, and about *ten years* after the appearance of Isaiah as a prophet.

John *Chrysostom*, or the preacher with *the Golden Mouth*, is elected Archbishop of Constantinople, A. D. 398. It was eleven years before this time, in 387, upon the same day, that the great sedition happened at Antioch, just after John (then a presbyter) had preached his first sermon upon *drunkenness and blasphemy*. The statues of Theodosius and the imperial family were then thrown from their pedestals and demolished by the tumultuous citizens.

An earthquake in Yorkshire and the midland counties, 1574.

Dr. Heyther in 1628, endows the University of Oxford with a Lectureship for Music, of the annual value of 16*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

Buonaparte embarks at Porto Ferrajo, from *Elba*, 1815, on the evening of this day, and lands the 1st of March at Cannes in Provence, 1815.

I have often observed two persons discover, by some accident, in company, that they were bred together at the same school or university; after which, the rest are condemned to silence, and to listen while these two are refreshing each other's memory with the arch tricks and passages of themselves and their comrades.

Hints on Conversation.

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XXVII. FEBRUARY.

Who, when occasion justified its use,
Had wit as bright, as ready to produce;
Could fetch from records of an earlier age,
Or from philosophy's enlightened page,
His rich materials, and regale your ear
With strains it was a privilege to hear.—*Cowper.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Cal. 27.	Bishop (George) Morley, 1597, *Cheapside.* John David Michaelis, 1717. *Halle.* Do not doubt but that angling is an art, and an art worth your learning: the question is, rather, whether you be capable of learning it. For angling is somewhat like poetry, men are to be born so, and must not only bring an inquiring, observing wit, but also a large measure of hope and patience.—*Izaac Walton.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Nestor, *Bishop in Pamphylia, Martyr*, 250. Sts. Julian, Chronion, and Besas, *Martyrs*, 3rd Century. St. Thalilæus, *of Cilicia*, 5th Century. St. Leander, *Bp. of Seville*, d. 596. St. Galmier (or Baldomerus), *of Lyons*, d. c. 650. St. Alnoth, *of England, Martyr*, c. 7th Century.	Geta (Emperor), *murdered*, 212. Dr. Tobias Crisp, 1642. Philip Nye, 1673. d. *London.* Dr. John Evelyn, 1706. *Wotton.* Dr. John Arbuthnot, 1735. d. *Cork Street.* Henry Grove, 1738. d. *Taunton.* Dr. Anthony Askew, 1774. d. *Hampstead.* John Scott, 1821. d. *Chalk Farm.* He was a man of great comprehension, skilful in his profession, versed in the sciences, acquainted with ancient literature, and able to animate his mass of knowledge by a bright and active imagination; a scholar with great brilliancy of wit; a wit who in the crowd of life, retained and discovered a noble ardour of religious zeal. *Johnson on Arbuthnot.*

It is not possible to justify a crime with the same facility as it is committed; and to defame an innocent man, after depriving him of life, is to commit a second murder. *Papinian.*

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XXVII. FEBRUARY.

Friendship, like love, is but a name,
Unless to one you stint the flame.
The child, whom many fathers share,
Hath seldom known a father's care.
'Tis thus in friendships; who depend
On many, rarely find a friend.—*Gay.*

Acts.

THE EQUIRIA, were horse-races in memory of the god *casting his shadow before*, exhibited on this day, when our hunting season terminates.

Cowper composes his fable of *The Nightingale and Glow-worm*, 1780.

A Nightingale, that all day long
Had cheer'd the village with his song,
Nor yet at eve his note suspended,
Nor yet when even-tide was ended,
Began to feel, as well he might,
The keen demands of appetite;
When, looking eagerly around,
He spied far off, upon the ground,
A something shining in the dark,
And knew the glow-worm by his spark;
So, stooping down from hawthorn top,
He thought to put him in his crop.
The worm, aware of his intent,
Harangued him thus, right eloquent—
Did you admire my lamp, quoth he,
As much as I your minstrelsy,
You would abhor to do me wrong,
As much as I to spoil your song;
For 'twas the selfsame Power Divine
Taught you to sing, and me to shine;
That you with music, I with light,
Might beautify and cheer the night.
The songster heard his short oration,
And warbling out his approbation,
Released him, as my story tells,
And found a supper somewhere else.

Poor Moralist! and what art thou? a solitary fly!—*Gray.*

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XXVIII. FEBRUARY.

The removing the defects of learning are princely works; towards which, the endeavours of a private man may be but as an image in a crossway, that points at the road, but cannot reach it. *Bacon.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Cal. 28.	Michael de Montaigne, 1533, *Perigord.* Henry Stubbs, 1631, *Partney.* Dr. Daniel Solander, 1736, *Nordland.* Peter Broussonot, 1761, *Montpellier.*	L. Junius Brutus, B. C. 509. Chosroes II. *murd.* A. D. 628. Henry 1st. Earl of Northumberland, 1408. *k. Bramham Moor.* Humphry Duke of Gloucester, *murdered*, 1447. *St. Albans.* G. Buchanan, 1582. d. *Edinb.* W. Fleetwood, 1594. *Missenden.* Rob. Rollock, 1598. d. *Edinb.* Christian IV. (*of Denm.*), 1648. Cassibelan Burton, 1681. John B. Thiers, 1703. d. *Vitraie.* Didaco, Marquess of Leganeze, 1711. d. *Bois de Vincennes.* Ferdinand de Paleotti, *ex.* 1718. Edw. Moore, 1757. d. *Lambeth.* Dr. Richard Grey, 1771. John d'Espagnac, 1783. d. *Paris.*

I suppose you mean Tom Fool, when you called me Tom *Folio* in a late trifling paper of yours. The tobacco-paper on which your own writings are printed, as well as the incorrectness of the press, and the scurvy letter, sufficiently show the extent of your knowledge.

Tom Folio to the Spectator.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Martyrs, who died of the great pestilence in Alexandria, 261-3.

St. Romanus, d. c. 460; and St. Lupicinus, c. 479, *Abbots of Condate.*

St. Proterius, *Patriarch of Alexandria, Martyr*, 557.

Do you imagine, said Socrates to his libertine disciple, that what is good is not also beautiful? have you not observed that these appearances always coincide?

Xenophon.

No one would demur upon punishing a judge with death who should condemn a criminal on account of his own choler; why then should fathers and pedants be allowed to whip and chastise their children in their anger? 'Tis then no longer correction, but revenge. *Montaigne.*

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XXVIII. FEBRUARY.

Liberty above all things.—*Motto of Selden.*

Acts.

THE twenty-eighth day of the month *Adar*, was a feast among the Jews, to celebrate the repeal of that decree by which the Kings of Greece had forbidden them to circumcise their children, to observe the sabbath, and to reject foreign worship.

The Tarquins are vanquished in the Œsuvian fields, but with the loss of Brutus, and more than eleven thousand citizens on the side of the victors, B. C. 509.—*See 1st March.*

Henry IV. of France confers upon his faithful minister, De Rosny, the dukedom of Sully, 1606.

The Pope permits the Bible to be translated into all the languages of the Catholic states, 1759.

Burns writes to Dr. Moore, the author of *Zeluco*, 1791: "Poets have the same advantage as Roman Catholicks; they can be of service to their friends after they have passed that bourn where all other kindness ceases to be of any avail. Whether, after all, either the one or the other be of any real service to the dead, is, I fear, very problematical: but I am sure these tributes are highly gratifying to the living; and, as a very orthodox text says, 'whatsoever is not of faith, is sin;' so say I, whatsoever is not detrimental to society, and is of positive enjoyment, is of God, the giver of all good things. As almost all my religious tenets originate from my heart, I am wonderfully pleased with the idea, that I can still keep up a tender intercourse with the dearly beloved friend, or still more dearly beloved mistress, who is gone to the world of spirits. I have had an immense loss in the death of the Earl of Glencairn, the patron from whom all my fame and good fortune took its rise. Independent of my grateful attachment to him, which pervaded my very soul, and was entwined, indeed, with the thread of my existence: so soon as the Prince's friends had got in (and every dog, you know, has his day), my getting forward in the excise would have been an easier business; though, thank Heaven, I can live and rhyme as I am."

Before we passionately desire what another enjoys, we should examine into the happiness of its present possessor.—*Rochefoucault.*

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XXIX. FEBRUARY.

Yet the first bringer of unwelcome news
Hath but a losing office; and his tongue
Sounds ever after as a sullen bell,
Remember'd knolling a departed friend.—*King Henry IV.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
29.	Edward Cave, 1692, *Newton, in Warwickshire.* Eva Maria Garrick, 1724, *Vienna.* Robert Bage, 1728, *Derby.* Gioacchino Rossini, 1792, *Pesaro.*]	St. Barbas, *Bishop of Benevento*, 684. Lord Thomas Bardolph (of Womergay), 1408. *Bramham-Moor.* Archbishop (John) Whitgift, 1604. *Croydon.*
	The *owl* that watches, with pillowed chin, on Apollo's footstool for the inflatus of prophecy; the *fool* that in the profundity of his folly lectures, at random, the wise and the great; the *ass* that from his hillock will read the galaxy and bray an *eureka*—are not comparable to the *coxcomb*, who, although the epitome of all these in neutral absurdity, is still without the fool's rod, the owl's spectacles, and the ass's skin.—*German Impromptu.*	For March there come violets, especially the single blue, which are the earliest; the early daffodil, the daisy, the almond tree in blossom, the peach tree in blossom, the cornelian tree in blossom, sweet-briar. In April follow the double white violet, the wall-flowers, the stock-gilliflower, the cowslip, flower-de-luces, and lilies of all natures; rosemary-flowers, the tulip, the double peony, the pale daffodil, the French honeysuckle, the cherry tree in blossom, the damascene and plum trees in blossom; the white thorn in leaf, the lilac tree.—*Bacon.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Oswald, *Bishop of Worcester, and Archbishop of York*, d. 992.	

We cannot hope to live so long in our names, as some have done in their persons; one face of Janus holds no proportion unto the other.—*Sir Thomas Browne.*

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XXIX. FEBRUARY.

Time never bears such moments on his wing
As when he flies too swiftly to be marked.—*Miss Baillie.*

Acts.

THE Leap-day was removed from the twenty-*third* of the month and intercalated in this place upon the revision of the Liturgy, at the Restoration. By the statute "*de anno et die Bissextili*," 1237, it was enacted that the day increasing in the leap-year, and the day next preceding, should be computed as one day, as they are now esteemed in the courts of law; and by the act regulating the style, 1751, it is declared that the years 1800, 1900, 2100, 2200, 2300, or any other hundredth years, except the fourth, whereof the year 2000 should be the first, should not be esteemed leap-years; and that the years 2000, 2400, 2800, and every other fourth hundredth year from the said year 2000, inclusive, should for the future be taken to be leap-years. This, called the *Gregorian* regulation, by retrenching three days in every four hundred years, disposes for ever of the *surplus* eleven minutes in the Julian year, and reduces the nominal time as nearly as possible to the true course of the sun.—*See 5th October.*

Swift writes to Martha Blount, 1728: "Dear Patty, I am told you have a mind to receive a letter from me, which is a very undecent declaration in a young lady, and almost a confession that you have a mind to write to me; for as to the fancy of looking on me as a man *sans* consequence, it is what I will never understand. I am told likewise you grow every day younger, and more a fool, which is directly contrary to me. I wish you would bring Mr. Pope over with you when you come, but we will leave Mr. Gay to his Beggars and his Operas, till he is able to pay his club. Since I can never live in England, my greatest happiness would be to have you and Mr. Pope condemned, during my life, to live in Ireland, he at the Deanery, and you, for reputation's sake, just at next door, and I will give you eight dinners a week, and a whole half dozen of pint bottles of good French wine at your lodgings, a thing you could never expect to arrive at, and every year a suit of four-penny stuff, that should not be worn out at the right side. Adieu, dear Patty."

God made the country and man the town.—*Cowper.*

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SPRING.

The Spring, bedight in buds and leaves of flowers,
In which a thousand birds had built their bowers.—*Spenser.*

Now the golden morn aloft
  Waves her dew-bespangled wing,
With vermil cheek, and whisper soft
  She wooes the tardy spring.
New-born flocks, in rustic dance,
  Frisking ply their feeble feet;
Forgetful of their wintry trance,
  The birds his presence greet:
But chief, the sky-lark warbles high
His trembling thrilling ecstasy;
And, lessening from the dazzled sight,
Melts into air and liquid light.

Still, where rosy pleasure leads,
  See a kindred grief pursue;
Behind the steps that misery treads,
  Approaching comfort view:
Mark the wretch, that long has toss'd
  On the thorny bed of pain,
At length repair his vigour lost,
  And breathe, and walk again:
The meanest floweret of the vale,
The simplest note that swells the gale,
The common sun, the air, the skies,
To him are opening Paradise.—*Gray.*

THE blackbird strives with emulation sweet,
And Echo answers from her close retreat:
On airy downs the idling shepherd lies,
And sees *to-morrow* in the marbled skies.—*Bloomfield.*

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MARTIUS.

Under the Protection of Minerva.

Phœnices primi, famæ si creditur, ausi
Mansuram rudibus vocem signare figuris.---*Lucan.*

Oh! heavenly born! in deepest dells
If fairest Science ever dwells
  Beneath the mossy cave;
Indulge the verdure of the woods;
With azure beauty gild the floods,
  And flow'ry carpets lave!
For melancholy ever reigns
Delighted in the sylvan scenes
  With scientific light;
While Dian, huntress of the vales,
Seeks lulling sounds and fanning gales,
  Though rapt from mortal sight.

Thou, Goddess, yet the way explore
With magic rites and heathen lore
  Obstructed and depress'd;
'Till Wisdom give the sacred Nine,
Untaught, not uninspir'd, to shine,
  By Reason's power redress'd.
Ierne bear on azure wing;
Energic let her soar, and sing
  Thy universal sway.
Bid bright Astræa gild the morn,
Or bid a hundred suns be born,
  To hecatomb the year;
Without thy aid in vain the poles;
In vain the zodiac system rolls:
  In vain the lunar sphere.—Swift.

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MARCH.

All sorts of seeds he strowed as he went.—*Spenser.*

Ye generous Britons, venerate the plough!
And o'er your hills, and long withdrawing vales,
Let Autumn spread his treasures to the sun,
Luxuriant and unbounded: as the sea,
Far through his azure turbulent domain,
Your empire owns, and from a thousand shores
Wafts all the pomp of life into your ports;
So with superior boon may your rich soil,
Exuberant, nature's better blessings pour
O'er every land, the naked nations clothe,
And be th' exhaustless granary of a world!—*Thomson.*

The City, which thou seest, no other deem
Than great and glorious Rôme, queen of the earth,
So far renown'd, and with the spoils enrich'd
Of nations; there the Capitol thou seest,
Above the rest lifting his stately head
On the Tarpeian rock, her citadel
Impregnable; and there Mount Palatine
The imperial palace, compass huge and high
The structure, skill of noblest architects,
With gilded battlements conspicuous far,
Turrets, and terraces, and glittering spires.—*Milton.*

We have short time to stay as you,
We have as short a spring;
As quick a growth to meet decay,
As you, or any thing.
We die
As your hours do, and dry
Away,
Like to the summer's rain;
Or as the pearls of morning's dew,
Ne'er to be found again.—*The Daffodils.*

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SEE how the orient Dew,
Shed from the bosom of the Morn
Into the blowing roses,
Yet careless of its mansion new;
For the clear region where 'twas born
Round in itself incloses:
And in its little globe's extent,
Frames as it can its native element.
How it the purple flow'r does slight,
Scarce touching where it lies,
But gazing back upon the skies,
Shines with a mournful light;
Like its own tear,
Because so long divided from the sphere.
Restless it rolls and insecure,
Trembling lest it grow impure:
Till the warm sun pity its pain,
And to the skies exhale it back again.
So the Soul, that drop, that ray
Of the clear fountain of eternal Day,
Could it within the human flow'r be seen,
Remembering still its former height,
Shuns the sweet leaves and blossoms green;
And, recollecting its own light,
Does, in its pure and circling thoughts, express
The greater Heaven in a Heaven less.
In how coy a figure wound,
Every way it turns away:
So the world excluding round,
Yet receiving in the day.
Dark beneath, but bright above:
Here disdaining, there in love.
Congeal'd on earth: but does, dissolving, run
Into the glories of THE ALMIGHTY SUN.—*Marvel.*

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I. MARCH.

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be good. *Ecclesiastes.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Cal. 1.	M. Valerius Martialis, A. D. 30, *Bilbilis.* Dr. John Pell, 1610, *Southwyke.* Caroline, *of England*, 1683. N. de la Caille, 1714, *Rumigny.* Dr. David Bogue, 1750, *Hallidown.* Alex. Balfour, 1767, *Monikie.* The moment which severs us from the object we love is terrible; it insulates us from all the earth; the faculties of the soul are annihilated, and its relation with the universe subsists only through the medium of a horrible dream which distorts every thing.—*Napoleon.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. David, *Archbishop of Caerleon*, (removed to the Vale of Ross), *Patron of Wales*, d. 544. (*See Eng. Church Cal.*) St. Albinus, *of Angers*, d. 549. St. Swidbert (or Swibert), of Northumberland, *Bp.* d. 713. St. Monan, of Scotland, *M.* 874.	Anne, *of England*, 1619. d. *Hampton Court.* Matthias (*of Germany*), 1619. Dr. Thomas White, 1623. Sir Thos. Herbert, 1682. d. *York.* Colonel Francis Charteris, 1732. Dr. Thomas Ashton, 1775. J. F. Dreux du Radier, 1780. Leopold II. (Emperor), 1792. *Prague.* Richard Gifford, 1807. d. *Duffield.* Unmarried men are best friends, best masters, best servants; but not always best subjects, for they are light to run away. A single life doth well with churchmen, for charity will hardly water the ground where it must fill a pool. It is indifferent for magistrates; for if they be corrupt, you shall have a servant five times worse than a wife.—*Bacon.*

As the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: it is vanity. *Solomon.*

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I. MARCH.

And mighty Mars, for war renown'd,
In adamantine armour frown'd;
By him the childless goddess rose,
Minerva, studious to compose
Her twisted threads; the web she strung,
And o'er a loom of marble hung.---*Addison.*

Acts.

MARTIUS. In the state calendar of Romulus there were ten nominal months, of which *March* was the first, and December the last, in order, containing together three hundred and four days. By some it has been conjectured that two embolismic solar months were inserted at the conclusion of the year; but, as we have no relic of their names or duration, the better opinion seems to be that the deficiency was otherwise supplied; for six of these defective years were equal to five of the Gregorian, with the *loss* only of two days and a quarter. Now, an addition of *five days* at the end of every ten complete years would leave a *surplus* half day, which at the celebration of the Alban secle of one hundred solar, or one hundred and twenty Romulian years, amounted exactly to the same number of days, when the ordinary intercalation would be *omitted*—a regulation more remote but more simple, and even more correct, than that afterwards established by Numa. This refined prince, by dedicating the month *Martius* to Minerva, had not the same reverence for the attributes of Mars as the descendants of Eneas; but if he degraded the latter deity from his place, as patron of the year, he did not venture to change the *name* of the month, in deference perhaps to the prejudices of his new subjects, but more on account of its connexion, in mystic philosophy, with the season of the year. In Greek fable we understand by *Vulcan* an emblem of winter, and *Venus* of the earth; and when it is said in this month that Mars and Venus were found together, and exposed to the *laughter* of the gods, there needs no interpretation. In the Oriental demonology two principles governed the world: one of them, as Plato observes, of a benevolent disposition, and the author of every thing that is good, while the other was of an opposite character, the author of every thing that is evil; but that the *blending* of these principles would produce order and excellence, both morally and physically, whether in respect of the seasons or the

Love is a remedy provided by God for the safety and preservation of youth.
Plato.

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I. MARCH.

Behold the spacious neighbourhood of Rome,
Far-shining upward to the Sabine hills,
To Anio's roar, and Tibur's olive shade;
To where Præneste lifts her airy brow;
Or downward spreading to the sunny shore,
Where Alba breathes the freshness of the main.---*Liberty.*

Acts.

passions. Numa derived his religion from Egyptian superstition; and the Mars of Troy, as he well knew, was the god Belus *Arius* of the Assyrians, an antitype of harmony, and of all those useful virtues for which Minerva is preeminently distinguished. His emblems were the ram and the lion, denoting vigour and fecundity; perhaps the former also was a figure of the front and restauration of the year, and allusive, it would seem, to the *fleecy* oblation offered by Noah, after the great fast. The following passage from Plutarch *de Iside*, will illustrate the motives for dedicating the present month to Minerva: "Hercules is supposed by the Pythagoreans to be placed in the *Sun* (i. e. Belus), and to accompany him in his progress round the world, as Mercury does the *Moon* (i. e. Isis); intending hereby, that as the influence of the latter body seems to resemble the works of reason, and to proceed from wisdom, so the operations of the former are like those strokes which, by mere dint of strength and force, bear down all before them. It is also the opinion of the stoicks (say these astronomers) that the sun was at first kindled, and is still maintained by exhalations drawn from the sea, whilst the moon is fed by those more sweet and benign vapours which arise from fountains and lakes." This is intelligible, and shows the reason why the Egyptian Isis was adorned with a vest of many colours, expressive of her varied power and docility; and why both these deities have ever been considered the patronesses of states, because, being representatives of the moon, she strikes, by her changes, those lesser periods of time which should be devoted to the gods, as without *service* there could be no *protection*. The moon, therefore, is the kindest of mistresses, for she perpetually reminds us of all the duties of *preservation*: one of those blessings that can never be appreciated until we lose it.—What the Greeks did partially the Latins did entirely

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.---*Proverbs.*

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O thou virgin that shinest like the snow on the brows of Aran! as the pearly dew on Eryri. *Welsh Bard.*

respecting their *calendar*: they counted the days backward, so that in the progress to any interesting point of time, as the nones, the ides, and the calends of the month, they more *respectfully* went, as to a temple, with their faces in front, by regular gradations, and not like crabs, by retrocession, which would have been both clumsy and profane. It was thus the months presented the appearance of those double steps, by which, if standing on the centre (*the ides*), either slope will conduct you to a basis: we *ascend* on one side, from new to full moon, and *descend* on the other, with the wane, until her renovation. In the rude period of the Roman state, before the publication of the Fasti by *writing*, it was customary for one of the priests of the augural college to pronounce aloud to the people, on the change of every moon, the number of *nones* in each month, repeating the Greek word "*kaleo*" (in Latin *voco*, "I proclaim," resembling the Anglo-Saxon phrase *oyez*) so many times as they consisted of days; which, in effect, was an announcement of the almanac, as all the days of every month were governed by the position of the nones.—Upon this day the *Vestal virgins*, four in number, at their establishment by Numa, increased to six by Tarquin the Proud, annually renewed the *sacred fire* from the solar rays. They watched it in the night-time alternately, and whoever suffered it to be extinguished was scourged by the Pontifex Maximus, an incident which was only expiated by extraordinary sacrifices. The punishment of any vestal who violated her vow of chastity was of the highest severity; no less than being buried alive, with funeral solemnities, in a place called the Campus *Sceleratus*; and the paramour was scourged to death in the forum. But their *privileges* were likewise great, for they were exempted from oaths, and could absolve a criminal from punishment if they met him accidentally. The mother of Romulus was a vestal. The institution of the perpetual fire was derived from the East, but is peculiar also to the Mexicans, and was probably symbolized in the *Phœnix*. This augural solemnity was abolished by Theodosius.

The harmony of the world, like that of a harp, is made up of discords, and consists in a mixture of good and evil.—*Heraclitus.*

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I. MARCH.

The faithful wife without debate,
Such sleep as may beguile the night,
Contented with thine own estate,
Nor wish for death nor fear his might.—*Martial.*

Acts.

THE MONTHS. The Julian *Martius* agrees nearly with the first moon *Phamenoth*, in the ancient, and the seventh in the modern Egyptian year; with the seventh secular, and the first sacred moon *Nisan* (called before the *exodos*, *Abib*, signifying *an ear of barley*, referring to the barley harvest about this time, as well in Egypt as in Judæa; but the name Nisan is derived from the Chaldeans, *nes* and *nus*, the month of *war and storms*), of the Jews: with the seventh moon, *Mehar*, of the Persians; with the seventh moons *Xanthicus*, *Autocratoricus*, and *Bendidæus*, of the Syro-Macedonians, Paphians, and Bithynians; with the seventh moons, *Magabit*, *Barmehat*, and *Michieki* of the Ethiopian, Coptic, and Armenian calendars; with the sixth solar moon, *Adar*, of the Syrians; with the tenth moon (*usually* commencing, with the other Attic months, about the *close* of the corresponding Latin months) *Munychion*, of the Athenians; the seventh, *Artemisius*, of the Macedonians, and the third, *Dystrus*, of their solar year; and with the ninth moons, *Ramadhan*, and *Ramazan*, of the Arabs and the Turks; by the Saxons it was termed *Rhede*-month, and at a later period *Lenet*-month, which is its name among the Dutch and Germans. The intercalary month of the Jews *Ve-Adar*, i. e. second Adar is inserted in this place: for instance their year 5589, agreeing with A. D. 1829, was an embolismic year, and consequently the ensuing nominal months were thrown backward one moon, *the fourth of April* corresponding with *the first of Nisan*, i. e. their New Year's Day, and so progressively through the year. This day is a *fast* in memory of the death of the children of *Aaron*, for burning unhallowed fire in the sanctuary.—*See Lev.* 10.

The festival of the *Salii* was celebrated at Rome on this day in honour of *Mars*. The Salii were the priests of that god, who carried in procession the sacred *ancilia* or shields, dancing and singing rude verses, not unallied to the *Dionysian* mirth of the Athenians. It continued for three

Flowers of rhetoric, in grave discourses, are like the blue and red flowers in corn, pleasing to mere spectators, but prejudicial to the reapers.—*Swift.*

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I. MARCH.

The pleasant seat, the ruin'd tower,
The naked rock, the shady bower;
The town and village, dome and farm,
Each give each a double charm,
As pearls upon an Ethiop's arm.—*Dyer.*

Acts.

or four days. The *Matronalia* was another feast of this day, instituted by Romulus and Tatius, in memory of the peace and *union* of the two states concluded by the mediation of the Sabine women, who offered sacrifices to the god *Quiris* (*Mars*), and to Juno *Lucina*. It was customary for husbands to make presents to their wives on this anniversary.

Valerius Publicola pronounces a *funeral oration* over the remains of Junius Brutus, his colleague, B. C. 509, which was the first institution of that generous tribute to the memory of the virtuous dead—it was not introduced at Athens until about sixteen years after this period, on the occasion of the battle of Marathon. The consul entered the city with the body in a chariot and *quadriga*, which was also the first *triumph* in Roman annals.

Constantius Chlorus and Galerius are created Cæsars by Diocletian, A. D. 292. To the former was intrusted the defence of *Britain*—"in a great pool, a swan's nest," and the country of the Gauls.

The Eternal City is besieged by Alaric the Goth, in the reign of Honorius, A. D. 409. See an admirable chapter, by the imperial historian, on the famine *within the walls*.

The Duke of Northumberland procures the passing of an act for the suppression of the *Bishopric of Durham*, 1553.

The Spectator commences upon this day, *Tuesday*, 1711, one of the most useful and delightful papers in any language.

St. David's Day. In the household expenses of the Princess Mary, 1544, is a gift of fifteen shillings among the yeomen of the King's guard for bringing *a leek* to her grace on St. David's Day. This is the Anniversary of the society of "Ancient Britons," under the protection of His Majesty, as *Prince of Wales*.

Though it appear a little out of fashion, there is much care and valour in this Welshman. *King Henry V.*

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II. MARCH.

Within what fountain's craggy cell
Delights the goddess Health to dwell?—*Warton.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Non. 2.	D. Junius Juvenal, A. D. 42, *Aquinum.* Sir Thos. Bodley, 1544, *Exeter.* Wm. Murray, Earl of Mansfield, 1705, *Perth.* Anthony de Blanc, 1730, *Marseilles.* Louis du Buat Nancay, 1732. Louis Suchet, 1772, *Lyons.*	Pelagius I. (Pope), 560. Lothaire (of France), 986. *poisoned, Compiegne.* Andrew Hartcla, Earl of Carlisle, 1322. *executed, Carlisle.* Bp. (Robert) Abbot, 1618. *Salisbury.* J. Marion Avantio, 1622. d. *Padua.* Dr. James Drake, 1707. d. *Westminster.* *Sieur* Nicholas Boileau, 1711. Cardinal Bouillon, 1715. d. *Rome.* Fran. Bianchini, 1729. d. *Rome.* Solomon Gesner, 1788. d. *Zurich.* John Wesley, 1791. d. *London.* Horace Walpole, (Earl of Orford), 1797. d. *Berkeley Sq.* Francis, Duke of Bedford, 1802. *Chenies.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Simplicius (Pope), *buried,* 483. *Martyrs,* under the Lombards, 6th Century. St. Joavan (or Joevin), *Bishop in Armorica,* 6th Century. St. Marnan of Scotland, d. *in Annandale,* 620. St. Ceada, or Chad, *Bishop of Lichfield,* d. 673. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Charles the Good, *Earl of Flanders, martyr* [assassinated at Bruges], 1124.	See where the new-born day first wakes the eagle; where, on the glittering summits of the rocks, the exhalations ascend and mix with the pure air of the morning, as the incense from the altar.—*Gesner.*

That blind suspicion, which confounds the emanations of providence, I compare to the poor Athenian traveller who in attempting to cross Parnassus fell on the other side.
Tract.

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II. MARCH.

Hath not a Jew eyes? hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer, as a Christian is? if you prick us, do we not bleed? if you tickle us, do we not laugh? if you poison us, do we not die? and if you wrong us, shall we not revenge? *Merchant of Venice.*

Arts.

FERDINAND V. banishes the Jews from Spain, 800,000 souls, 1492.

Johnson and Garrick *start* on the morning of this day from Lichfield, 1738. They "rode and tied" to London; the great lexicographer with two-pence halfpenny in his pocket, and *Davy* with something less. The latter, then in his twenty-third year, entered as a scholastic pupil of Colson, at Rochester, and Johnson sought employment in translation and the *drama*. his friends having great expectation that he would "turn out a fine tragedy-writer." The spectator of their *schemes of life* on the way, their *reciprocities* of encouragement, and of vanity, dismounting on a hill-side to spout or listen to some *rotund* soliloquy from the "Irene," or to debate with half-sword parley on grace and accent, alexandrines and trochees, a lenten fast, or the last penny; would surely have seen a rich picture of the exuberance of youth—*the distant prospect sun-gilt.*

Lord Chesterfield writes to his son: "Whereabouts are you in Ariosto? or have you gone through that most ingenious contexture of truth and lies, of serious and extravagant, of knights-errant, magicians, and all that various matter, which he announces in the beginning of his poem? I am by no means sure that Homer had superior invention to Ariosto. What can be more seducing and voluptuous than the description of Alcina's person and palace? What more ingeniously extravagant than the search made in the moon for Orlando's lost wits, and the account of other people's that were found there? The whole is worth your attention, not only as an ingenious poem, but as the source of all modern tales, novels, fables, and romances."

The extensive copper-mine in the Isle of Anglesey is discovered, 1768, a day that has been kept as a festival.

The Savoy Palace in the Strand is burned to its foundations, 1776. It was constructed for the use of Peter of Savoy, an uncle of Henry III.

The world has few greater pleasures than that which two friends enjoy, in tracing back, at some distant time, those transactions and events through which they have passed together. *Johnson.*

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III. MARCH.

Some other nymphs, with colours faint,
And pencil slow, may Cupid paint,
And a weak heart in time destroy;
She has a stamp, and prints the boy,
Can with a single look inflame
The coldest breast, the rudest tame.—*Waller.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
v. Non. 3.	Gisbert Voet, 1589, *Heusden.* B. F. Count de Pagan, 1604, *Avignon.* Edmund Waller, 1605, *Coleshill.* Sir W. Davenant, 1606, *baptized, Oxford.* Sir Peter Leicester, 1613. Thomas Otway, 1651, *Trotting.*	Sir Nicholas Carew, *beheaded,* 1539. *Aldgate.* Arthur Plantagenet (Viscount L'Isle), 1541. John Frederick (*of Saxony*), 1554. John Sturmius, 1589. Walter Baley, 1592. *Oxford.* Edward Somerset, Earl of Worcester, 1628. *Windsor Castle.* George Herbert, 1633. *buried Bemerton.* Robert Hooke, 1703. *St. Helen's.* Campegio Vitringa, 1722. d. *Franeker.* Camillo, Duke de Tallard, 1728. Dr. Wm. Stukeley, 1765. *East Ham.* Joseph Highmore, 1780. *Canterbury.* Robert Adam, 1792. *Abbey.*

He that builds a fair house upon an ill seat, committeth himself to prison; as an *unequal* air with diversity of heat and cold, which is dwelling in several places; ill ways, ill markets, and if you will consult with Momus, ill neighbours.

Bacon.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Marinus and Asterius *Martyrs in Palestine,* c. 272.
Sts. Emeterius (or Madir) and Chelidonius, *Martyrs in Spain.*
St. Winwaloe (or Winwaloc), *Abbot in Armorica,* d. c. 529.
St. Lamalisse, *of Scotland,* 7th C.
St. Cunegundes, *Empress,* d. 1040.

The propriety of goods is the mother of courage, and the nurse of industry, makes us valiant in war and good husbands in peace.

Waller.

I believe because it is impossible.—*Tertullian's Creed.*

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III. MARCH.

Not monumental stone preserves our fame,
Nor sky-aspiring pyramids our name:
The memory of him for whom this stands,
Shall outlive marble, and defacers' hands.
Shakspeare's Lines on Sir Thomas Stanley.

Acts.

SHAKSPEARE'S historical play of Henry VI. (now called the *first* part) is produced at the Rose Theatre, standing on the *Bankside*, and represented by the players then under the protection of Ferdinand, Lord Strange, 1592. It was very popular; for it had a run, in the course of fifteen weeks, of thirteen days. That *biting* satirist, Tom Nash, speaks of it, in the same year, in the following terms: "How would it have joyed brave Talbot, the terrour of the French, to think that after he had lien two hundred year in his tomb, he should triumph again on the stage; and have his bones new embalmed with the tears of ten thousand spectators at least, (at several times) who, in the tragedian that represents his person [Alleyn] behold him fresh bleeding." There have been those, and acute judges too, in some things, that, by a kind of tortious criticism, laboured to deprive Shakspeare of the honour of *building* this tragedy; on no other apparent ground than that it is inferior to his later and more finished compositions. But Leonard Digges must be *heard*, who wrote his elogy, *immediately* after the appearance of the first folio in 1623.

"Next Nature only helped him, for look thorough
This whole book, thou shalt find he doth not borrow
One phrase from Greeks, nor Latins imitate,
Nor once from vulgar languages translate;
Nor plagiary-like, from others glean,
Nor begs he from each witty friend a scene,
To piece his acts with: all that he doth write
Is pure his own; plot, language, exquisite."

His late Majesty, King George III. recommends to parliament, in a speech from the throne, the passing of an act for establishing the future independence of the judges, 1761: "I look upon the independency and uprightness of the judges of the land as essential to the impartial administration of justice, as one of the best securities to the rights and liberties of my loving subjects, and as most conducive to the honour of the crown."

The principles of the English laws are sufficiently clear: they are founded on reason, and are the masterpiece of the human understanding; but it is in the text that I would look for a direction to my judgment, not in the commentaries of modern professors.---*Chatham.*

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IV. MARCH.

That lightning flash and show,
With that clear spirit of thine,
Will suddenly decline;
And you fair murth'ring eyes
Shall be love's tombs, where now his cradle lies.—*Daniel.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Non. 4.	Don Pedro (*of Portugal*), 1394. James Earl of Waldegrave, 1715. John Lord Somers, 1652, *Worcester.* Peter Pautre, 1659, *Paris.*	Saladin, 1193. d. *Damascus.* Bernard Gilpin, 1583. d. *Houghton le Spring.* Gerald Grace (*the Horseman*), 1618. d. *Ballylinch.* Benedict Turretini, 1631. d. *Geneva.* Matthias Hoe, 1645. d. *Dresden.* J. Vanderlinden, 1664. d. *Leyden.* Nicolas de Malezieu, 1727. John Anstis, 1744. *Duloe.* Thomas Seward, 1790. d. *Lichfield.*

The apple was a native of Italy, and when the Romans had tasted the richer flavour of the apricot, the peach, the pomegranate, the citron, and the orange, they contented themselves with applying to all these new fruits the common denomination of apple, discriminating them from each other by the additional epithet of their country.
Gibbon.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Lucius, Pope, *Martyr*, 253.
St. Adrian, Bp. of St. Andrews, *Martyr in the Isle of May*, 874.
St. Casimir, Prince of Poland, d. *at Vilna*, 1482.

His character was uniform and consistent with itself, and his whole conduct of a piece: his principles were founded in reason, and supported by virtue; and therefore did not lie at the mercy of ambition, avarice, or resentment. In a word, he *concluded* his course among the same well-chosen friendships and alliances, with which he *began* it.—*Addison on Somers.*

Useful rather than conspicuous.—*Motto of Lord Somers.*

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IV. MARCH.

The bow-men mustered on the hills,
Well able to endure;
Their backsides all, with special care,
That day were guarded sure.—*Chevy Chase.*

Acts.

THE Egyptians sacrificed to the *sun* on the fourth day of every month; an institution, according to the genealogists, of Orus the son of Isis and Osiris. So great was the veneration these people felt for this luminary that they burnt incense of appeasement three times on every day: *resin* at his first appearance; *myrrh* when he was in the meridian; and a mixture called *kuphi* when he passed the western horizon.

Cicero writes to the learned Trebatius, B. C. 53: "I forbore to write being ignorant where to direct my letters. I suppose, however, that this is a plea which your loftiness will scarce condescend to admit. But tell me then, is it the weight of your purse, or the honour of being the counsellor of Cæsar, that most disposes you to be thus insufferably arrogant? Let me perish if I do not believe that thy vanity is so immoderate, as to choose rather to share in his councils than his coffers. But should he admit you into a participation of both, you will undoubtedly swell into such intolerable airs that no mortal will be able to endure you: or none, at least, except myself, who am philosopher enough, you know, to endure any thing."—This is a *fine* specimen of the friendly *raillery*.

Edward III. by the advice of his parliament at York, signs there, 1328, the preliminaries of peace with Robert Bruce, by which he resigned all dominion and supremacy over the kingdom of Scotland, and agreed that any instruments of subjection should be delivered up, and the *palladium* restored. This peace was concluded at Edinburgh, the 17th of March, and received the sanction of the parliament, at *Northampton*, the 4th of May following; Bruce, as an equivalent for these concessions, paying the sum of twenty thousand pounds.

The tenants of Sir Edward Charlton, Lord of Powis, execute on this day, at Shrewsbury, 1421, letters of release and satisfaction, as "takers of Sir John Oldcastle, that was miscreant and unbuxom to the law of God, and traitor convict to the King."—Edward IV. is proclaimed, 1461.

The traveller, George Sandys, leaves Cairo, for Jerusalem, 1611. He entered the sacred city seventeen days after.

Rossini produces his delightful Opera, "Tancredi," 1813.

Of all the number of men slain in the wars, not the tenth man hath been killed fighting, but flying. *King James.*

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V. MARCH.

Blest as the immortal gods is he,
The youth who fondly sits by thee,
And hears and sees thee all the while
Softly speak, and sweetly smile.---*Sappho.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Non. 5.	John Collins, 1624, *Woodeaton.* Isaac Claude, 1653. Dr. George Stanhope, 1660, *Hartshorn.*	Marcus Æmilius Lepidus, B.C. 13. d. *Cerceii.* Odoacer, *assassin.* A. D. 493. Alphonso II. (*of Portugal*), 1223. *Alcobaça.* *Allegri* Corregio, 1534. *Corregio.* *Doctor* Isabella Losa, 1546. *Loretto.* W. Brooke, Lord Cobham, 1597. Clement VIII. (Pope), 1605. James, Duke of Hamilton, 1649. *beheaded, Old Palace Yard.* Arthur, Lord Capell, *beh.* 1649. Henry, Earl of Holland, *beheaded*, 1649. John, Marquis of Winchester, 1674. *Englefield.* Henry Wharton, 1695. d. *Canter.* Bp. (Wm.) Beveridge, 1708. *St. Paul's.* Dr. John Taylor, 1761. d. *Warrington.* Dr. Philip Francis, 1773. d. *Bath.* Peter Lawrence du Belloi, 1775. Dr. Thomas Aug. Arne, 1778. R. Twiss, 1821. d. *Somers Town.* Marquis de la Place, 1827. Alexander Volta, 1827. d. *Como.*

God hath simply said, "I Am:" He sets as it were his hand to a blank, that his people may write under it what they please that is good for them. As if he should say, "Are they weak? I am strength. Are they poor? I am riches. Are they in trouble? I am comfort. Are they sick? I am health. Are they dying? I am life. Have they nothing? I am all things."—*Beveridge.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Adrian and Eubulus, *of Palestine, Martyrs*, 309.
St. Kiaran (Kenerin, or Piran), *of Ireland, Bishop*, 4th Cent.
St. Roger, *a Franciscan*, 1236.
St. Iä, *Virgin of Ireland.*

The Egyptian ladies of Thebes were the first people in the world that discovered a potion for grief and sorrow.---*Diodorus.*

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V. MARCH.

There gleams the youth's bright falchion; there the muse
Lifts her sweet voice; there awful justice opes
Her wide pavilion.—*Terpander's lines on Lacedæmon.*

Acts.

In close approximation to this day "*The Knights*" of Aristophanes, B. C. 424, (when the battle of Delium was fought and won), and "*The Frogs*" of the same poet, B. C. 405, (when the Athenian fleet was destroyed by Lysander), were produced at Athens. Agatho also obtained his tragic victory at this period, B. C. 416, in that year when the Island of Melos surrendered its ancient liberties to the barbarous Athenians. Perhaps it was a few days *anterior* that Dionysius the tyrant, B. C. 367, gained *his* dramatic crown; the year (strange to say) in which he died, and that Archidamus achieved the *tearless victory* described by Xenophon.

Gray writes to Dr. Wharton, 1766: "Had I been married, like Mason, some excuse might be made; who (for the first time since that great event) has just thought fit to tell me that he never passed so happy a winter as the last, and this in spite of his anxieties, which he says might even make a part of his happiness; for his wife is by no means in health. The accounts one has lately had from all parts, make me suppose you buried in the snow, like the old Queen of Denmark. As soon as you are dug out I shall rejoice to hear your voice from the battlements of Old Park. Every thing is politics. There are no literary productions worth your notice, at least of our country. Mr. Walpole has got somehow well of his *gout*, goes to all public places, sees all the best company, and is very much in fashion. He says he sunk like Queen Eleanor at Charing-Cross, and has risen again at Paris. I saw the lady you inquired after, when I was last in London, and a prodigious fine one she is; she had a strong suspicion of rouge on her cheeks, a cage of foreign birds and a piping bullfinch at her elbow; two little dogs on a cushion in her lap, and a cockatoo on her shoulder: they were all exceeding glad to see me, and I them."

The oracle has pronounced that you shall be a very great man. How should that be, how should I be a great man that am but a *sausage-maker?* With all the ease imaginable: do only but follow your occupation; mix, disturb, introduce, and confound all matters; lie through thick and thin as you are used to do, and be assured that you shall sell something better than puddings. *The Knights.*

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VI. MARCH.

You violets, which first appear,
By those your purple mantles known,
Much like proud virgins of the year,
As if the spring were all your own;
What are you when the rose is blown?—*Wotton.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Non. 6.	Cocceius Nerva, A.D. 32, *Narni.* Michael Angelo, 1474, *Chiusi.* Fr. Guicciardini, 1482, *Florence.* Bishop (Francis) Atterbury, 1662, *Milton.* John Bouillet, 1690, *Servian.* I challenge you to show me in *Homer* any thing equal to the allegory of Sin and Death, either as to the greatness and justness of the invention, or the height and beauty of the colouring. *Atterbury to Pope.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Fridolin, Abbot, d. *Austria,* 538. St. Baldrede, *Bishop of Glasgow.* d. c. 608. St. Kyneburge, Kynedride, Kyneswide, and Tibba, *of England,* 7th Century. St. Chrodegang, *Bp. of Metz.* d. 766. St. Cadroe, *a Laird of Scotland,* d. c. 975. Colette, a Virgin, d. *at Ghent,* 1447.	St. Rosa, *of Viterbo,* d. 1252. Roger, Lord Grey de Ruthyn, 1353. Sir John Hawkwood, 1393. *Florence.* Remi Belleau, 1577. *Paris.* Zachary Ursinus, 1583. d. *Neustadt.* Philip, 3rd Earl of Leicester, 1698. Sir John Holt, 1710. *Redgrave.* Philip Earl of Hardwicke, 1764. *Wimpole.* James Malfillastre, 1767. d. *Paris.* Sir Joshua Vanneck, 1777. Francis Holl, 1784. d. *Heidelberg.* Wm. Raynal, 1796. d. *Passy.* John Gifford, 1818. d. *Bromley.* Dr. Sam. Parr, 1825. *Hatton.* Life is a dream: the pursuit of Fame cheats us of a considerable number of our years; but we can scarcely get into the possession of it, when we are snatched from its enjoyment by death. *Theophrastus.*

Wherever he was judge he never forgot that he was also counsel. The prisoner knew, that though his spirit was broken with guilt, and incapable of language to defend itself, all would be gathered from him which could conduce to his safety; and that his judge would wrest no law to destroy him, nor conceal any that could save him. *Holt* would also do justice on the justices. *Steele.*

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VI. MARCH.

His wisdom, sure, on folly's confines lies,
Who wise for others, for himself's unwise.—*Ennius.*

Acts.

THE Emperor Augustus assumes the office of *Pontifex Maximus*, or High Priest, B. C. 13, upon the death of Lepidus; and immediately after destroys two thousand books of prophecy, the writers of which were either unknown, or of no authority. He now began to reduce the calendar to that regularity designed by Julius Cæsar, his uncle; and calls the sixth month, which hitherto had received the title of *Sextilis*, by his own name, because in that month he entered upon his first consulate, B. C. 42, and obtained his most considerable victories.—*See 29th August.* It was upon the occasion of his accession to the Pontificate that he first excluded women from appearing at the athletic combats in the theatre, celebrating that event.

The festivals were observed at Rome on this day, in honour of the goddess *Vesta*, who was a representative of the Earth, not as a prolific, but a *rotatory* body, as it describes the zodiac by which the secular year was adjusted.—*See 9th June.*

The *Dukedom* of Lancaster is conferred by patent this day 1351, upon Henry, Earl of Lancaster, grandfather of Henry IV. The dignity of *Duke* was first created in this country by Edward III. in 1337, in favour of his son the Black Prince, as *Duke of Cornwall*, a title which is always vested in the King's eldest son the moment he is born.

The Ladrone Islands are discovered by the Portuguese navigator, Ferdinand Magellan, 1521.

The Earl of Cumberland embarks at Plymouth with a fleet of twenty sail, 1596, his twelfth voyage. He landed at Puerto Rico on the 6th of June, and in the same month captured the island, but which, from the sickness of his men, he was obliged to relinquish. An officer belonging to the Vice-Admiral's ship was "thrice brought to the gibbet," and at length pardoned, for committing sacrilege in the church. This will remind us of Bardolph's fortune, who was hanged for stealing a pix.

The peace of *Rastadt*, in Suabia, is signed between Austria and Spain, after fourteen years' hostilities, 1714.

A very brilliant 'aurora borealis' appeared, which was visible from the west of Ireland to the confines of Russia, 1716.

After a bad crop you should instantly begin to sow.—*Seneca.*

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VII. MARCH.

Agriculture is the foundation of manufactures; since the productions of nature are the materials of art.---*Gibbon.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Non. 7.	Sir John Fortescue Aland, 1670. Antonio Sanches, 1699, *Penna Macor.* The tit-mouse, which early in February begins to make two quaint notes, like the whetting of a saw, is the marsh tit-mouse; the great tit-mouse sings with three cheerful, joyous notes, and begins about the same time. Red-breasts sing all through the spring, summer, and autumn; and wrens all the winter, frost excepted. The reason that the former are called *autumn* songsters is because in the two first seasons their voices are drowned in the general chorus.—*White.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Perpetua and Felicitas, *Martyrs* (with their companions), *at Carthage*, 203. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Paul, *the Simple, Anchoret*, d. c. 330. St. Thomas, of Aquino, *Doctor of the Church*, d. 1274.	Antoninus Pius, 162. *Lorium.* St. Ardo Smaragdus, 843. d. *Anian.* William Longsword, 1st Earl of Salisbury, 1226. Innocent XIII. (Pope), 1724. Dr. John Davies, 1732. *Cambridge.* Bishop (Thomas) Wilson, 1755. *Isle of Man.* Samuel Derrick, 1769. Thos. Martin, 1771. *Palgrave.* P. A. Alletz, 1785. d. *Paris.* J. Whitehead, 1804. d. *London.* According to the relation of astronomers, there are some stars hotter than others. Amongst the planets, next to Sol, Mars is the hottest, then Jupiter, and then Venus. Luna is cold, and Saturn coldest of all. Amongst the fixed stars, the hottest is that called Sirius, then the Lion's Heart, or Regulus, then the Dog-star. *Bacon on Hot Things.*

I was instructed by Alexander, the Platonist, not often, nor without great necessity, to say or write to any man, *I am not at leisure;* and thus to postpone those duties which we owe to our friends and acquaintance, under the pretence of urgent affairs.---*Marcus Aurelius.*

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VII. MARCH.

There dwelt a race, who slow their eyes around
Majestically mov'd, and in their port
Bore eminent authority; they spake
Seldom, but all their words were tuneful sweet.—*Dante.*

Acts.

THE NONES, a division of time in the Roman almanac derived from the Etrurians, with whom every *ninth* day was the day of business, on which their kings gave audience and administered justice. Thirty-eight of these *weeks* of eight days composed the Tuscan year of ten months, and Manutius found exactly the same number of *Fasti* in the Julian Calendar. But the Romans only retained the *form* of this institution, for their *nundinæ*, or periodical markets, had no affinity with the nones, after the time of Numa, who probably first condemned this day as a dead-letter, that *pointed* merely to the Ides, or polestar of the almanac. The custom of reckoning by weeks was not introduced at Rome until the 3rd century, and from a better model, the Egyptians, that anomalous people, who united in themselves all the wisdom and all the folly of the world. In the months of *March*, May, July, and October the nones fell on the *seventh* day; consequently, reckoning upward to the calends, they were *six* in number, but in all the remaining months only *four*, because that period occurred two days sooner. Augustus avoided even the name of this day with that which followed the nundines, as ominous, and kept his chamber; because it is supposed they had some relation to the *novendiales*, those days on which the dead were buried. There seems to be, indeed, some *witchery* in the number *nine*.

Romulus dedicates a temple to Ve-Jupiter (i. e. the *infant* thunder-bearer) in the wood *Asylum*.

Evelyn is at Fontainbleau, "a sumptuous palace of the King's, like ours at Hampton, about fourteen leagues from the city. We went to the volary, which has a cupola, in the middle of it great trees and bushes, it being full of birds who drank at two fountains. In the Queen's garden is a Diana ejecting a fountain. The great garden has in the centre a fountain of Tiber, a colossean figure of brass with the wolf over Romulus and Remus. The carps come familiarly to hand to be fed."

There be three parts of business, the preparation, the debate or examination, and the perfection; whereof, if you look for despatch, let the middle only be the work of many, and the first and last the work of few.—*Bacon.*

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VIII. MARCH.

And what! no monument, inscription, stone?
His race, his form, his name almost unknown?
Who builds a church to God, and not to fame,
Will never mark the marble with his name;
Go,-search it there, where to be born and die,
Of rich and poor makes all the history;
Enough, that virtue fill'd the space between;
Prov'd by the ends of being, to have been.---*Man of Ross.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VIII. Id. 6.	St. John (of God), 1495. Thomas Martin, 1697, *Thetford.* Dr. John Campbell, 1708, *Edinburgh.* John Fothergill, 1712, *Carr-end.* You of Lacedæmon are the only women in the world that rule the men, said a foreign lady to the wife of Leonidas: she replied,—we are the only women that bring forth men. **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Apollonius, Philemon, and others, *Martyrs of Egypt*, c. 311. St. Senan, *Bp. in Ireland*, c. 544. St. Psalmoid (or Saumay), *of Ireland*, d. c. 589. St. Felix, *Bp. of Dunwich, Suffolk*, d. 646. St. Julian, *Abp. of Toledo*, d. 690. St. Rosa, *Virgin of Viterbo, buried*, 1252. St. Duthak, *Bp. of Ross*, d. 1253. St. John of God, *Founder of the Order of Charity*, died, 1550.	Frances Sidney, 1589. d. *Bermondsey.* Sir Dudley Digges, 1639. *Chilham.* William Douglas, Earl of Queensbury, 1640. *Durisdeer.* William III. (*of England*), 1702. d. *Kensington.* Bishop (John) Hough, 1743. Thomas Blackwell, 1757. d. *Edinburgh.* Sir Wm. Chambers, 1796. *Abbey.* Francis, Duke of Bridgewater, 1803. d. *St. James's.* Sawrey Gilpin, 1807. d. *Brompton.* Pride and prejudice might, in other countries, find means to protest, that a pastry-cook's boy should be raised to be a general and governor, and to princely dignity; but Peter had already accustomed his subjects to see, without surprise, every thing given to merit, and nothing to mere nobility.—*Voltaire.*

Who thinks of self when gazing on the sea!---*Byron.*

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VIII. MARCH.

The independence, rapine, and discord of the feudal lords were unmixed with any semblance of good; and every hope of industry and improvement was crushed by the iron weight of the martial aristocracy. Among the causes that undermined that Gothic edifice, a conspicuous place must be allowed to the crusades. The conflagration which destroyed the tall and barren trees of the forest gave air and scope to the vegetation of the smaller and nutritive plants of the soil.

Gibbon.

Acts.

WALTER, THE PENNYLESS, departs from France, with his *van* of crusaders, 1096. By the council of Clermont, this (the first) expedition was appointed for the 15th of August; but Walter, *Peter's* lieutenant, was compelled, by the zeal (or hunger) of his followers, to commit a pious breach of the decree: the consequence was that three hundred thousand of these needy and unorganized tribes perished before Godfrey and the other chiefs had received from their mistresses the crimson badges of the mission; and only discovered by *a pyramid of bones* the fate of their plebeian companions.

The great frost at Paris breaks on this day, 1663, which had endured for more than three months.

Secretary Harley is stabbed by the Marquis de Guiscard, at the council board, with a penknife, during an examination upon a charge of high treason, 1711. "The point stopped at one of the ribs," says Swift upon this day, "and broke short half an inch. Immediately Mr. St. John [Bolingbroke] rose, drew his sword, and ran it into Guiscard's breast. Five or six more of the council drew, and stabbed Guiscard in several places: but the Earl Powlet called out, for God's sake, to spare his life, that he might be made an example; and Mr. St. John's sword was taken from him and broke: and the footmen without ran in, and bound Guiscard, who begged he might be killed immediately. I know him very well, and think him a fellow of little consequence although of some cunning, and much villainy. It is not above ten days ago, that I was interceding with the Secretary in his behalf, because I heard he was just starving; but the Secretary assured me he had four hundred pounds a year pension."

A violent earthquake is felt in London, which shook the river, 1750.

The season for salmon and trout fishing begins in this month, and continues until Michaelmas: also for the mullet and par.

I will tell you that my house stands upon the margin of one of the finest rivers for trouts and grayling in England; that I have lately built a little fishing-house upon it, dedicated to Anglers, over the door of which you will see the two first letters of my father Walton's name and mine, twisted in cipher.—*Cotton.*

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IX. MARCH.

A wise man, even when his hand is full of truths, will often content himself with opening his little finger. *Fontenelle.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VII. Id. 9.	Can Grande della Scala, 1291, *Verona.* Lewis Gonzaga (*St. Aloysius*), 1568. James Vaniere, 1664, *Causses.* Doctor Gall, 1757. I am beholden to *Rusticus* that I first conceived that my life wanted some amendment; to write letters without affectation and nicety; to be forward in reconciliation with those who have offended me; to read with diligence, and not to be contented with superficial knowledge, nor to be quick in assenting to mere assertion. *M. Aurelius.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Pacian, *Bp. of Barcelona*, d. 4th Century. St. Gregory, of Nyssa, *Bp.* 400. St. Frances, *Widow of Rome*, Foundress of the Collatines, d. 1440. St. Catherine, *of Bologna, Virgin*, d. 1463.	Lord John de Hastings, 1313. Bajazet I. 1403. *murd. de-se, Antioch.* David Rizzio, 1566. *murdered, Holyrood House.* Wm. Warner, 1609. *Amwell.* Francis Beaumont, 1616. *buried, Abbey.* Js. Bonfrerius, 1643, d. *Tournay.* Cardinal Julius Mazarine, 1661. d. *Vincennes.* Mich. Ettmuller, 1683. d. *Leipsic.* Gaspard Sagittarius, 1694. John Francis Baltus, 1743. d. *Rheims.* Bishop (Joseph) Wilcocks, 1756. John Calas, 1762, *broken, Toulouse.* William Guthrie, 1770. d. *London.* Dr. Samuel Jebb, 1772. d. *Derbyshire.* Dr. Edward Daniel Clarke, 1822. *Cambridge.* Anna Letitia Barbauld, 1825. d. *Stoke Newington.*

You say I am angry: God forbid. I am like the bee which sometimes defends its honey with its sting. *Pacian.*

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IX. MARCH.

My friends, I have lost a day.—*Titus Vespasian.*

Acts.

JOSEPHUS records the prodigies which, on the ninth day of the month, Xanthicus (*Nisan*), at the time of the *purifications* which preceded the feast of unleavened bread, foretold the burning of the House of God. The principal omen was, that a heifer, as she was led by the high-priest to the altar, brought forth *a lamb*, in the midst of the temple.

Lady Montagu writes, from Constantinople, to her sister, 1718: "*Fatima*, my lovely friend, has all the politeness and good-breeding of a court, with an air that inspires, at once, respect and tenderness: and now that I understand her language, I find her wit as agreeable as her beauty. A Greek that I carried with me, who had never seen her before, showed that surprise at her beauty and manners which is unavoidable at the first sight, and said to me, in Italian, '*This is no Turkish lady, she is certainly some Christian.*' Fatima guessed she spoke of her, and asked what she said. When the Greek lady had told her, she smiled, saying, '*It is not the first time I have heard so: my mother was a Polonese, taken at the siege of Caminiec; and my father used to rally me, saying, he believed his Christian wife had found some gallant, for that I had not the air of a Turkish girl.*' I assured her, that if all the Turkish ladies were like her, it was absolutely necessary to confine them from public view, for the repose of mankind; and proceeded to tell her what a noise such a face as hers would make in London or Paris. '*I can't believe you,*' replied she, agreeably: '*if beauty was so much valued in your country, as you say, they would never have suffered you to leave it.*'"

Prince Henry defeats Griffith Glendour at *Grosmont*, 1405.—The extraordinary arrêt is issued confirming the *innocence* of Calas and his family, 1763.

The battle of *Laon*, in which Napoleon is defeated by Marshal Blucher, 1814:—the day also of his marriage with the affectionate *Josephine*, 1796.

A man is neither good, nor wise, nor rich at once: to-day he learns a virtue, to-morrow he condemns a vice.—*Feltham.*

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X. MARCH.

Nor is thy fame on lesser ruins built,
Nor need thy juster title the foul guilt
Of eastern kings, who, to secure their reign,
Must have their brothers, sons, and kindred slain.—*Denham.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Id. 10.	John Wower, 1574, *Hamburg.* Bp. Duppa, 1589, *Lewisham.* Marcello Malpighi, 1628, *Crèvalcuore.* J. Kettlewell, 1653, *Northall.* John Playfair, 1749, *Bervie.*	Heliogabalus (Emperor), *beheaded,* A. D. 222. Benedict III. (Pope), 858. Richard de St. Victor, 1173. *St. Victor's, Paris.* Ladislaus III. *of Poland,* 1333. William Sawtre, *burned,* 1401. Thomas Lord Seymour, (of Sudley), *beheaded,* 1549. Wm. Powlett, Marquis of Winchester, 1572. d. *Basing.* Peter du Moulin, 1658. d. *Sedan.* Sir John Denham, 1668. *Abbey.* Henriette Coligni, 1673. d. *Paris.* Colonel Vrats, *executed,* 1682. Dr. John Scott, 1694, *St. Giles'.* John James Boileau, 1735. Sir Wm. Browne, 1774. *London.* Elias Catherine Freron, 1776. N. Sablier, 1785. d. *Paris.* Rome de L'Isle, 1790. d. *Paris.* John Earl of Bute, 1792. Charlotte Addison, 1797. *buried, Bilton.* J. C. Borda, 1799. d. *Paris.* Ld. Collingwood, 1810. *St. Paul's.* Benjamin West, 1820. *St. Paul's.* John Pinkerton, 1826. d. *Paris.*

We see frequently that wise men and of best abilities have forborne to write the acts of their own days, while they beheld with a just disdain, not only how unworthy, how perverse, how corrupt, but often how ignoble, how petty, how below all history, the persons and their actions were; who either by fortune or some rude election had attained, as a sore judgment upon the land, to have chief sway in managing the commonwealth.—*Milton's England.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

The forty Martyrs *of Sebaste,* 320.
St. Mackessoge (or Kessoge), *Bishop in Scotland,* d. 560.
St. Droctovæus, *Abbot of St. Germain-des-Prez,* d. c. 580.

There is a lucky hit in reputation which some obtain by a defect in their judges rather than from the greatness of their merit.—*Mrs. Evelyn on Donne.*

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X. MARCH.

Sky of wild beauty, in those distant ages
Of which time hath left scarce a wreck or a name,
Say, were thy secrets laid bare to the sages,
Who held that the stars were life's annals of flame?—*Miss Landon.*

Acts.

THE tenth day of the month *Nisan* was a Hebrew fast for the death of Miriam, the sister of Moses.

Alexander Severus is proclaimed Emperor of the Romans, A. D. 222.

Upon the evening of this day, 1643, Evelyn observes "a shining cloud in the air, in shape resembling a sword, the point reaching to the north: it was as bright as the moon, the rest of the sky being very serene. It began about eleven at night, and vanished not till above one, being seen by all the south of England."

Lady Montagu depicts this day the Ex-Sultana: "Her dress was something so surprisingly rich that I cannot forbear describing it to you. She wore a vest called *donalma*, which differs from a *caftan* by longer sleeves, and folding over at the bottom. It was of purple cloth, straight to her shape, and thick set, on each side, down to her feet, and round the sleeves, with pearls of the best water, of the same size as their buttons commonly are. You must not suppose that I mean as large as those of my Lord ———, but about the bigness of a pea; and to these buttons large loops of diamonds, in the form of those gold loops so common on birth-day coats. This habit was tied, at the waist, with two large tassels of smaller pearls, and round the arm embroidered with large diamonds. Her shift was fastened at the bottom with a great diamond shaped like a lozenge; her girdle as broad as the broadest English riband, entirely covered with diamonds. Her whole dress must be worth a hundred thousand pounds sterling. She gave me a dinner of fifty dishes of meat, which (after their fashion) were placed on the table but one at a time, and was extremely tedious: the magnificence of her table answered very well to that of her dress. She assured me that the story of the Sultan's *throwing a handkerchief* is altogether fabulous; neither is there any such thing as creeping in at the bed's foot."

They have no wars among them; they live rather conveniently than splendidly, and may be rather called a *happy* nation, than either eminent or famous.—*Utopia.*

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XI. MARCH.

The visions which arise without a sleep.---*Byron's Lament of Tasso.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
v. Id. 11.	Torquato Tasso, 1544, *Sorrento.* John Peter Niceron, 1685, *Paris.*	John Toland, 1722. *Putney.* Peter Chirac, 1732. Dr. Thomas Mangey, 1755. Hannah Cowley, 1809. d. *Tiverton.* William Owen, 1824.

Madam, the distrust I have had of not being able to write to you any thing which might pay the charge of reading, has persuaded me to forbear kissing your hand at this distance: so, like women that grow proud, because they are chaste, I thought I might be negligent, because I was not troublesome.

Suckling's Letters.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Constantine, *of Scotland, Martyr*, 6th Century.

St. Sophronius, *Patriarch of Jerusalem*, d. 639.

St. Ængus, the Culdee, *Bishop in Ireland*, d. c. 824.

St. Eulogius, *of Cordova*, d. 859.

The house of Tasso's birth stands on the edge of the cliff, and commands a magnificent view of the bay; it has been repaired and modernized, until nothing that was rendered sacred by the poet remains. The house is large and roomy, with two fronts, one of which, at least the greater part of it, is in a narrow street, opposite the high wall of a nunnery, and the other is perched on the cliffs. At one angle of the house, there was formerly a bust of the poet in *terra cotta*, which some French soldiers, during their invasion in 1799, mistaking for a saint, discharged their pieces at, and shattered its head.—*Anon.*

The sensory of a man of honour is capacious and delicate, as the Tyrant's ear.

Italian Sentence.

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XI. MARCH.

It was the lark, the herald of the morn,
No nightingale; look, love, what envious streaks
Do lace the severing clouds in yonder east:
Night's candles are burnt out, and jocund day
Stands tiptoe on the misty mountain tops.—*Romeo.*

Arts.

THE marriage of *Romeo* Montecchio with *Juliet* Cappelletto was solemnized in the church of the Minorites, at Cittadella, on the present day, 1302. Their history scarcely survives among a people that have numbered and forgotten men, whose works are scattered as "*the father-dust*" about the world; Pliny, Nepos, and Catullus, and who, like this ill-starred pair, living in delphick verse more durable than either marble or tradition, were natives of old Verona. Never were events so adapted for the tragick web, so unhappily twisted "to point a moral, and adorn a tale," as the *guilty* loves of "*Romeo and Juliet:*" a plot, simple and pathetic, solemn and retributive; which petrifies the tear about to flow. The poet has, however, rejected the sacrilegious *fact*, that Juliet is sitting in the chair of penitence at the time that Romeo was placed *covertly* behind the grating with her subtle confessor, in order to deceive the lady's mother, who was present; yet the catastrophe is justified, and the acute (but harsh) comment of Johnson is supported, that "Juliet played most of her pranks under the appearance of religion."

The University of Paris issues a circular addressed to all the French clergy, 1444, expressing the opinion of the Church, that *the feast of fools*, about the calends of January, was a well imagined institution, connected with Christianity, and that those who had attempted to suppress it should be *curst and excommunicate.* Although this appears to border upon the ridiculous, the party-coloured feast, we shall find, was first corrupted and abused by *idolatry:* it is to be traced into all climes, and the remotest ages, at the close of the year, and to *hazard* an opinion respecting so dark an observance, it might have been termed *originally* "the festival of the *rainbow.*"—The *Ass* was a principal figure in these ceremonies, as in Egypt, and *there* it was the representative of *Typho*, or the evil principle.

The memorable eruption of Mount Etna began about sunset of this day, 1669.

Napoleon espouses Maria Louisa, Archduchess of Austria, 1810.

This judgment of the heavens, that makes us tremble, touches us not with pity.
King Lear.

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XII. MARCH.

Pleasure is precarious, but virtue is immortal.—*Periander.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Id. 12.	Godfrey Bidloo, 1649, *Amsterd.* John Theoph. Desaguliers, 1683, *Rochelle.* Bp. (G.) Berkeley, 1684, *Kilcrin.*	Earl Copsi, of Northumbria, *assassinated*, 1067. Cæsar Borgia, 1508. *killed, Castle of Viana.* Sir Arthur St. Leger, 1559. Alex. Piccolomini, 1578. d. *Sienna.* Dr. J. Conant, 1693. *Northamp.* Lodovick Muggleton, 1697. Henry Richer, 1748. d. *Paris.* John Lewis le Beau, 1766. Toussaint Bordenave, 1782. Dr. Geo. Gregory, 1808. d. *West Ham.* Capt. Robert Broughton, 1821. d. *Florence.* Rev. R. Bland, 1825. d. *Leamington.* Chas. Wm. Le Geyt, 1827. *St. Hellier.*

It is usual with me to consider myself as having a natural property in every object that administers pleasure. When I am in the country, all the fine seats near the place of my residence, and to which I have access, I regard as *mine*. By these principles I am possessed of half a dozen of the finest seats in England, which, in the eye of the law, belong to certain of my acquaintance, who choose to live near the court.

Berkeley, in Guardian.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Maximilian *of Numidia, Martyr*, 296.

St. Paul *of Cornwall*, Bishop of Leon, d. c. 573.

St. Gregory the Great, Pope, d. 604. *(See English Church Calendar.)*

Because in perilous attempts, the longer they are debated the more difficulties appear, and consequently they are the more unwillingly undertaken: it generally happens in conspiracies, delay of execution begets a discovery. *Machiavel.*

It is a huge unworthiness for rulers to lie; and therefore the Egyptian princes were wont to wear a golden chain beset with precious stones, which they styled truth; intimating that to be the most illustrious and royal ornament.—*La Casa.*

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XII. MARCH.

And with the first, that headed is of gold,
  He smites soft, and that has easy cure;
The second was of silver, many fold,
  Worse than the first, and harder aventure;
The third, of steel, is shot without recure:
  And on his long yellow locks sheen,
  A chaplet had he all of leaves green.—*King James I.*

Acts.

James I. of Scotland, during the sitting of his parliament at Perth on this day, 1425, arrests Murdach, Duke of Albany, the late regent, the Earls of Douglas, Angus, and March, with twenty other persons of the highest rank and power. The Duke with his two sons were immediately tried for acts of usurpation; and being found guilty by a majority of voices, were executed on the castle-hill at Stirling. It is stated by historians, that James I. adjudged to death, within the first two years of his reign, three thousand of his subjects, for offences committed during his long imprisonment in England. The penalty was *murder* by thirty-six wounds.

The book entitled "The first part of the contention betwixt the two famous houses of York and Lancaster, with the death of the good Duke Humphrey, and the banishment and death of the Duke of Suffolk, and the tragical end of the proud Cardinal of Winchester, with the notable rebellion of Jack Cade, and the Duke of York's first claim unto the crown," is entered at Stationers' Hall, 1594, by Thomas Millington, a bookseller. This *play* was the *foundation* of Shakspeare's drama, called "The second part of Henry VI." according to Mr. Malone's hypothesis; but there is, however, no reason to suppose that Shakspeare was different from other poets, and did not *improve* the early and more hasty productions of his pen. It was on the seventh day of the present month, 1426, that Cardinal Beaufort and the *good* Duke referred their *quarrels and grievances* to the arbitrament of the council. One of the articles in the Duke's complaint is, that the Cardinal advised the Prince (Henry) to destroy his father in his sickness, and seize the crown.

The battle of Erpingham, and defeat of the rebels under Sir Robert Welles, 1470: Chelsea Hospital is founded, 1682: James II. lands at Kinsale, 1689: Steele's paper "The Guardian" commences, 1713: Pope presents his "*Dunciad*" to the King and Queen at St. James's, 1729: and the famous comet of 1759, this day passes its perihelium.

Be particularly careful, both in writing and speaking, to avoid affectation.
Augustus to Agrippina.

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XIII. MARCH.

Say, *Stella*, feel you no content,
Reflecting on a life well spent?
Your skilful hand employ'd to save
Despairing wretches from the grave;
And then supporting with your store
Those whom you dragg'd from death before.
Birth-day Lines.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Id. 13.	*Stella*, 1681, *Richmond, Surrey.* Dr. Joseph Priestley, 1733, *Fieldhead.* Joseph II. (*of Germany*), 1741. Wm. Duke of Leinster, 1749.	Belisarius, 565. *Constantinople.* Henry d'Almaigne, 1271, *assassinated, Viterbo.* Michael de l'Hospital, 1573. Cardinal d'Ossat, 1604. *Rome.* Bartholo. Legat, *burned*, 1614. Richard Cowley, 1619. *buried, Shoreditch.* John Gregory, 1646. *Oxford.* Ferdinand Lord Fairfax, 1647. Peter Mignard, 1695. John de la Fontaine, 1695. M. Valentin, 1726. d. *Giessen.* Abp. Herring, 1757. *Croydon.* Charles le Beau, 1778. Christian VII. (*of Denmark*), 1808. d. *Rendsburg.* Ed. Long, 1813. d. *Arundel Park.* Edm. Aikin, 1820. d. *Stoke New.* Sophia Lee, 1824. d. *Clifton.*

I think that is the best climate, where I can be abroad in the air with pleasure, or at least without trouble or inconvenience, the most days of the year, and the most hours of the day; and this, I think, I can be in England more than in any country I know of in Europe.
King William.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Euphrasia, *Virgin*, d. 410.
St. Mochoemoc, (*in Latin* Pulcherius) *Abbot in Ireland*, 655.
St. Gerald, *Bp. in Ireland*, 732.
St. Theophanes, Abbot. d. *Samothracia*, 818.
St. Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople (*translation of his relicks*), d. 828.
St. Kennocha, *Virgin in Scotland*, d. 1007.

We will spare for no wit, I warrant you; here's that [touching his forehead], shall drive some of them to a *non com*: only get the learned writer to set down our excommunication, and meet me at the gaol.
Dogberry to Verges.

Many of our bodies shall find native graves; upon which, I trust, witness shall live in brass.
King Henry V.

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XIII. MARCH.

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!
Whose *heart* hath ne'er within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned,
From wandering on a foreign strand!
Living, he forfeits fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonoured, and unsung.—*Sir Walter Scott.*

Acts.

An eclipse of the moon is noticed by Josephus, which happened at the hour of three in the morning of this day, B. C. 4, about the time when the infant Christ was carried into Egypt. It prognosticated the death of Herod, which took place in that year, and probably before the feast of *Pentecost*, having reigned thirty-seven years, reckoning not from the death of Antigonus, but when he received from Marc Antony (three years before) his regal authority.

Richard *Cœur de Lion*, lands at Sandwich, after an absence from England of more than four years, 1194.

Urban VIII. issues a bull in which the rules are stated for the beatification and canonization of Saints, 1625.

Evelyn notes, 1661, "This afternoon Prince Rupert showed me the new way of graving, called *mezzo tinto*, which afterwards, by his permission, I published in my "History of Chalcography;" this set so many artists on work, that they soon arrived to that perfection it is since come, emulating the tenderest miniatures." The *History* was presented to the Royal Society in a dedication to Boyle, on the 10th of June, 1662.

Sir Wm. Herschel discovers, 1781, the planet which he called in compliment to his royal patron, *Georgium Sidus*; but known on the continent by the names of *Herschel* and *Uranus*. It has six satellites or moons, and is the most distant of all the known planets; its revolution round the sun completing a period of not less than eighty-three of our years. The innermost of the satellites performs its orbit in five days twenty-one hours and twenty-five minutes, and the remotest in one hundred and seven days sixteen hours and forty minutes.

Poverty wants some, luxury many, avarice all things.—*Ovid.*

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XIV. MARCH.

No longer man of woman shall complain,
That he may love, and not be lov'd again:
That we in vain the fickle sex pursue,
Who change the constant lover for the new.
Whatever has been writ, whatever said,
Of female passion feign'd, or faith decay'd,
Henceforth shall in my verse refuted stand,
Be said to winds, or writ upon the sand.—*Henry and Emma.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Id. 14.	Filippo Luigi Gilii, 1756, *Corneto.*	Peter the Cruel, *killed*, 1369. John Earl of Bedford, 1555. *Chenies.* Marq. Manasses de Pas, 1640. Simon Morin, *burned*, 1663. Michael Begon, 1710. Lady Mary Falconberg, 1712. Peter Nivelle, 1754. d. *Paris.* Admiral John Byng, 1757. *shot, Portsmouth.* (Southhill.) John Watson, 1783. Wm. Melmoth, 1799. d. *Bath.* Daines Barrington, 1800. *Temple.* Frederick Theophilus Klopstock, 1803. *Ottensen.* Augustus Henry, Duke of Grafton, 1811.

She had the charms of an angel, but her dress was quite plain and clean, like a country maid: her person appeared faultless, and of the middle size; between the disagreeable extremes: her face a sweet oval, and her complexion the brunette of the bright rich kind: her mouth like a rose-bud, that is just begining to blow, and a fugitive dimple, by fits, would lighten and disappear: the finest passions were always passing in her face; and in her long, even, chesnut eyes, there was a fluid fire, sufficient for half a dozen pair.—*Amory.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Acepsimas, *Bishop in Assyria*, Joseph and Aithilahas, *Martyrs*, 380.
St. Boniface, *Bp. of Ross*, d. 630.
St. Maud (or Mathildis), *Queen of Germany*, d. 968.

Mournful are Tara's walls. Thy spouse is left alone in her youth; the son of thy love is alone. He shall come to Bragela, and ask her why she weeps. He shall lift his eyes to the wall, and see his father's sword. Whose sword is that? he will say; and the soul of his mother is sad.—*Ossian.*

Heaven being my aim, grant that I may go through honour and dishonour, good report and bad report, prosperity and adversity, with some evenness of mind.---*Lady Russell.*

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XIV. MARCH.

Stern rugged nurse; thy rigid lore
With patience many a year she bore:
What sorrow was, thou bad'st her know,
And from her own she learn'd to melt at others' woe.

Hymn to Adversity.

Acts.

THE PASSOVER (in Greek *Pascha*, and in Latin *Transitus*) of the Jews, began on the afternoon of the fourteenth *Nisan*, when the offering was to be *slain*, and concluded before midnight, by which time it was commanded to be *eaten*, with barley bread, called the bread of affliction, to distinguish it from the wheaten bread, the *old leaven* of their Egyptian masters; although, it should be observed, the great holiday was not kept until the *fifteenth* or following day.—*Exodus* xii. The *feast of unleavened bread* properly commences at the same moment with that of the passover, and terminates with the second great convocation, on the afternoon of the twenty-first of the month; so that it continued for seven nychthemerons, or eight days, if we include the afternoon of preparation. It was instituted in solemn remembrance of the season that God passed over (*transiit*) the houses of the Israelites, when he slew the firstborn, as well as to discountenance the perverted and idolatrous rites celebrated in Egypt on the same day, for then was the time of purification and rejoicing, as among the Romans. The *sacrifice* was to be a male lamb without blemish, and its age not to exceed twelve months, nor to be less than eight days. The first fruits of the barley harvest were offered in the sheaf, on the second day of the festival, the *sixteenth* of Nisan; an acknowledgment that all men would do well to remember with the same zeal and piety.—*See* 16*th March*. The Jews kept the *fortieth* anniversary of their passover at Gilgal, four days after the passage of the Jordan, when they took possession of the promised land, B. C. 1451.

Thomas Randolph seizes the Castle of Edinburgh, by surprise, 1313.

Edward IV. lands at Ravenspur, with an ostrich feather in his bonnet, as Prince of Wales, 1471; his Fleming followers carried handguns, which is the earliest account of them in England. Crichton disputes with the Professors at Padua, 1581. Addison retires from his secretaryship, with a pension of 1500*l.* in 1718. The Excise scheme is *moved*, 1733; and Admiral Hotham on the same day defeats the French fleet off Genoa, 1795.

Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

St. Paul.

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XV. MARCH.

Here wast thou bay'd; and here thy hunters stand,
Sign'd in thy spoil, and crimson'd in thy lethe.
Had I as many eyes as thou hast wounds,
Weeping as fast as they stream forth thy blood,
It would become me better, than to close
In terms of friendship with thine enemies.—*Marc Antony.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Idus. 15.	Patrick Adamson, 1563, *Perth.* Theoph. Bonet, 1620, *Geneva.* John Barbeyrac, 1674, *Bariers.* Gen. (Andrew) Jackson, 1767.]	Julius Cæsar, *murdered,* B. C. 44, *Senate House.* Thos. Lord Chancellor Egerton, A.D. 1617. *Dodleston.* Sir Theodore de Mayerne, 1655. d. *Chelsea.* John, Earl of Loudoun, 1663. J. B. Molinier, 1745. d. *Paris.* Denis Secousse, 1754. d. *Paris.* Dr. Thomas Francklin, 1784. John Jervis, Earl St. Vincent, 1823. *Stone.*

It is an incontestable truth, that the Deity constantly inspects the actions of all the human race; nor will the virtues or vices of any one pass unregarded; but, agreeably to the different nature of them, they will be followed by a different retribution. These may not, indeed, be the immediate effects; but they are the constant expectation of every man, arising from the consciousness of his actions.

Sallust to Cæsar.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Abraham, (*Hermit of Mesopotamia,* and (his niece) St. Mary, 4th Century.
St. Zachary, Pope, d. 752.
St. Leocritia (*of Cordova*), *Virgin Martyr,* d. 859.

What! though you have given many illustrious proofs of great abilities, both in the state and in the camp; yet in this, Cæsar, thou art not singular. What we expect from you is the restoration of fallen liberty. Accomplish this, and every corner of the earth will be instantly filled with your applause; then, indeed, wilt thou rise to matchless glory.—*Sallust to Cæsar.*

Heaven! what sights are here? Looking-glasses call you them?—Yes: dost thou not see, 'tis not the glass, but thy deformity, that makes this ugly shape; if they be fair that view the glass, such are the reflections.—*Randolph.*

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XV. MARCH.

Bad precedents are commonly innocent in their origin.—*Cæsar.*

Acts.

THE IDES, a day in the Roman calendar, so named from the Etruscan word *iduare* (dividere) because it divides the lunar month into two equal parts, and by that means marks where the days running before the calends of the ensuing month began. It invariably fell, and counted eight days after the nones; but as these were movable, the ides happened sooner or later; in March, May, July, and October, upon the *fifteenth*, and in the remaining months upon the thirteenth day. The usual sacrifice on these days was a *wether* to Jove.—The *Ides of March* is memorable for the assassination, called the *parricide*, of Cæsar, in the Senators' House, constructed by Pompey. He perished at five o'clock in the afternoon, by twenty-three wounds. His character as a *citizen* is variously stated by different factions. In his *person* he was tall, of a fair complexion, round limbed, rather full-faced, his eyes black and lively; and in his youth, of a healthy habit of body. There was a preciseness and effeminacy in his dress and manners, which are rarely discovered in the *soldier*, unquestionably the *greatest*, except one, in the history of mankind. In summary, it may be said of Julius Cæsar, that with the *genius* of a King, it was perhaps his *misfortune* to have been born a Roman.—The Consuls were inaugurated on this day, from the time of the second Punic war, B. C. 218, until B. C. 154, when they began to enter upon their offices on the calends of January. The Ides and calends were the usual days for assembling in the senate, the Ides of March *excepted*.—This day is the anniversary of Anna Perenna, the sister of *Dido*, who was drowned in the river Numicus.—Longinus, *the penitent*, who pierced the side of CHRIST, was killed the same day in Cappadocia.

The Gelalean era of the Sultan Malek Geladeddin Shah began on the present day, A. D. 1079. This reformation of the Persian Calendar was effected by a general assembly of the Eastern astronomers. It is a fixed solar year (the *Yesdegerdic* being erratic or movable), formed by an intercalation made six or seven times in four years, and then every fifth year, and consists of $365^{d}, 4^{h}, 49', 15'' 0''' 48''''$. In fact, this era is only a renovation of that of Zoroaster, which had been *neglected* after the fall of the Magian empire.

James, Duke of York, establishes, at Gunfleet, the first regular system of naval warfare in England, 1665.

The sacred text says plainly that some things are not Cæsar's.—*Selden.*

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XVI. MARCH.

My love is now floating away from me,
On the waves that in chorus are sounding,
As they rise from the vast and foaming sea,
O'er whose bosom his ship is bounding.
Sail on! sail on! with breezes fair,
And never from thy memory tear
The girl whose home is there.—*Brederode.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVII. Cal. April. 16.	Gerbrand Brederode, 1585, *Amsterdam.* Rene le Bossu, 1631, *Paris.* James Boileau, 1635.	*Claudius Nero* Tiberius, A. D. 37. d. *Misenum.* Valentinian III. (Emperor), *assassinated*, 455. Alex. III. (*of Scotl.*), *k.* 1286. John Bourchier, Lord Berners, 1532, d. *Calais.* Richard Burbadge, 1619. *buried, Shoreditch.* Francis, Lord Cullen, 1726. John Dussaulx, 1799. d. *Paris.* Dr. Wm. Thomson. 1817, d. *Kensington.*

With regard to wit, did I, for my life, desire to be well served, I would apply only to those who made it their trade, and lived by it. You smile at the oddity of my opinion; but be assured, my friend, that wit is in some measure mechanical; and that a man long habituated to catch at even its resemblance, will at last be happy enough to possess the substance: by a long habit of writing, he acquires a justness of thinking, and a mastery of manner, which holiday writers, *even with ten times his genius*, may vainly attempt to equal.—*Goldsmith.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Julian, *of Cilicia, Martyr*, c. 303.

St. Finian, *surnamed* Lobhar, (or the Leper), *of Ireland*, 6th Century.

O, there are players, that I have seen play, and heard others praise, and that highly,—not to speak it profanely, that neither having the accent, nor the gait of Christian, Pagan, or Turk, have so strutted and bellowed, that I have thought some of nature's journeymen had made *men*, and not made them well, they imitated humanity so abominably.—I hope we have reformed this indifferently with us. —O, reform it altogether.

Hamlet and the Players.

I shall never change my conduct so long as I retain my senses; but to avoid giving a bad precedent to posterity, the Senate ought to beware of engaging themselves to maintain the acts of any person whatever, who might by some accident be influenced to alter his conduct. *Tiberius to the Senators.*

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XVI. MARCH.

O, universal queen! august, divine,
Dissolver of the zone, and wrinkled care,
Wandering by night, rejoicing in the field,
O'er births presiding, and thyself a maid!
A various form, Cydonian power, is thine.
Give earth a store of beauteous fruits to bear,
Send gentle peace, and health with fragrant hair,
And to the mountains drive disease and care.—*Orpheus.*

Acts.

It was from the *sixteenth* of Nisan, the Sabbath, that the *fifty* days were to be reckoned unto the feast of *Pentecost*; as a man, observes Maimonides, expecting his best and most faithful friend at an appointed time, is accustomed to number the days and hours until his arrival.—*See 5th May.*

The *Munychia*, an Athenian festival, in honour of *Diana*, so surnamed, whose temple stood in the Munychia, a port of Piræus, was celebrated upon the sixteenth of the month Munychion. The oblations were small cakes, called *amphiphontes*, because they were probably *glazed* and of a round shape, emblematical of the full moon, when they were offered.—Athens is taken upon this day by Lysander, and the *tyranny* commences of the thirty, B. C. 404.—The Jews at *York* are lawlessly massacred by the citizens, for their wealth, A. D. 1190.

Sir Francis Drake is entertained by the King of Java, on his passage round the world, the Wednesday of *Midlent*, 1580. "Leaving Java, on March 26th they sailed homewards by the Cape of Good Hope, which they saw on June the 5th; and on the 15th of August passed the tropic; and on the 26th of September arrived at Plymouth, where they found that, by passing through so many different *climates*, they had lost a day in their account of time, it being Sunday by their journal, but Monday by the general computation. In this hazardous voyage, they had spent two years, ten months, and some odd days; but were recompensed for their toils by great riches, and the universal applause of their countrymen. Drake afterwards brought his ship up to Deptford, where Queen Elizabeth visited him on board, and conferred the honour of knighthood upon him; an honour, in that illustrious reign, not made cheap by prostitution, nor even bestowed without uncommon merit." It was customary afterwards for circumnavigators to start with the loss of a day.

Gustavus III. of Sweden, is assassinated by the hand of Ankerstrom, 1792.—*See 29th March.*

No great city can be long in tranquillity: if it has not wars abroad, it will find enemies at home. *Hannibal.*

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XVII. MARCH.

First worship God: he that forgets to pray
Bids not himself good-morrow, nor good day.—*Randolph.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVI. Cal. 17.	Francis Albani, 1578, *Bologna.* David Ancillon, 1617, *Metz.* John Mark le Nattier, 1685. Dr. Peter Templeman, 1711, *Dorchester.* Samuel Paterson, 1728, *London.* Carsten Niebuhr, 1733, *West Lüdingworth.*	Cneius Pompeius, B. C. 45. *killed, Munda.* Labienus, B. C. 45. *k. Munda.* Attius Varus, B. C. 45. *killed, Munda.* Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, A. D. 180. d. *Sirmium.* St. Withburge *of Dereham*, 743. Diego Esquivel Alava, 1562. Alexan. Ales, 1565. d. *Leipsic.* William Earl of Pembroke, 1570. *St. Paul's.* Thomas Randolph, 1634. *Blatherwick.* Philip Massinger, 1640. *St. Saviour's.* Augustin Lubin, 1695. d. *Paris.* Bishop (Gilbert) Burnet, 1715. *St. James's, Clerkenwell.* Bp. (Samuel) Bradford, 1731. John Baptist Rousseau, 1741. d. *Brussels.* Denis Rivard, 1746. d. *Neufchateau.* Geo. Earl of Macclesfield, 1764. Dan. Bernouilli, 1782. d. *Basil.* Dr. William Rowley, 1806. *St. James's-chapel.*

Observe that you o'er-step not the modesty of nature: for any thing so overdone is from the purpose of playing, whose end, both at the first, and now, was, and is, to hold, as 'twere the *mirror* up to nature: to show virtue her own feature, scorn her own image, and the very age and body of the time, his form and pressure.—*Hamlet.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Many Martyrs *at Alex.* in 392.
St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, d. *Saul-Abbey*, c. 464.
St. Joseph of *Arimathea*, the Patron of Glastonbury.
St. Gertrude Virgin, *Abbess in* Brabant, d. 659.

It is with poetasters, as with mushrooms, they shoot and flourish in their little field for a day, and on the morrow are condemned to the pickle-pot.
Bundle of Phrases.

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XVII. MARCH.

Although they had heard and read that the gods had divided the universe into three shares, and each was content with that which fell to his lot, yet these men could not think the Roman empire sufficient for two of them.---*Plutarch.*

Acts.

THE LIBERALIA, a Latin festival, dedicated to Bacchus. Then the Roman youth were accustomed to assume the *toga virilis*, and slaves enjoyed the brief freedom of a day. Tully, writing to Atticus, from Laodicea, in February: "My two little Ciceros love one another; they pursue the same studies, and the same exercises; but, as Isocrates said of Ephorus and Theopompus, the one requires a bridle, the other a spur. I intend to give Quintus [his nephew] *the manly robe, on the feast of Bacchus*, at his father's request; but I shall observe that festival without any intercalations." As the sun entered *Aries* upon the following day, according to the Julian calendar, this holiday was connected, it would seem, with the termination of the tropical year. The ancient feast called *Agonia*, they kept on this day—the sacrifice was a *ram*.—Pompey abandons Italy, and takes the sea, with his legions, at Brundusium, B. C. 49. It was upon the same day, B. C. 45, that the battle was fought under the walls of *Munda*, in Granada, which decided the fate of the Roman Republic. The word of the younger Pompey was *Pietas*; and perhaps it was owing to so eloquent a sentiment, as well as to the strength of his cause, that the Cæsar had reason to exclaim, "In his other battles he fought for victory, in this for his life:" or, as Florus finely observes, "*ut plane videretur nescio quid deliberare Fortuna.*"—A large spot is noticed upon the sun's disk for eight days, 807.

The Dukedom of Cornwall is instituted by charter; to hold to Edward, Prince of Wales, and his heirs, Kings of England, and to their first-born sons, 1337.—This was upon *St. Patrick's day*, a high festival in the *Catholic church*, but more particularly in *Old Ireland*, a generous pupil, and the principal seat of the tutelar's charitable deeds.

The *Rambler* terminates, Saturday, 1752.—"I shall never envy the honours which wit and learning obtain in any other cause, if I can be numbered among the writers who have given ardour to virtue, and confidence to truth." Johnson lost his wife the Tuesday following: the moralist's labours were probably concluded by the expectation of that event.

The Queen Charlotte, of 110 guns, is destroyed by an explosion, off Leghorn, 1800: the commander and more than 800 seamen perished.

The kingly-crowned head, the vigilant eye, the counsellor heart, the arm our soldier, our steed the leg, the tongue our trumpeter; shall these by the cormorant belly be restrained, who is the sink of the body? *Coriolanus.*

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XVIII. MARCH.

Shall pride a heap of sculptured marble raise,
Some worthless, unmourned, titled fool to praise;
And shall we not by one poor grave-stone learn,
Where genius, wit, and humour, sleep with Sterne?—*Garrick.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
xv. Cal. 18.	Philip de la Hire, 1640, *Paris.* John Gesner, 1719, *Zurich.* I will only tell you; it is the *powder* that made Venus a goddess, that kept her perpetually young, clear'd her wrinkles, firm'd her gums, fill'd her skin, colour'd her hair; from her derived to Helen, and at the sack of Troy unfortunately lost: till now, as happily recovered, by a studious antiquary, out of some ruins of Asia.—*Volpone.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Alexander, *Bishop of Jerusalem, Martyr,* 251. St. Cyril, *Archbishop of Jerusalem,* d. 386. St. Fridian (or Frigidian, alias Erigdian) *Bp. of Lucca,* d. 578. St. Edward, King of England and martyr, 979. *He was stabbed at Corfe Castle, buried at Wareham, and removed to Shaftesbury or to Abingdon.—(See English Church Calend.)* St. Anselm, *Bp. of Lucca,* d. 1086.	Honorius III. (Pope), 1227. John IV. (*of Russia*), 1580. Bishop (Patrick) Forbes, 1635. *Aberdeen.* John Lowin, 1659. *buried, St. Martin's.* Bonaventure Baron, 1696. *Rome.* Dr. George Stanhope, 1728. *Lewisham.* Sir Robert Walpole (Earl of *Orford*), 1746. *Houghton in the Dale.* Lawrence Sterne, 1768. *St. George's.* Anne Robert James Turgot, 1781. John Horne Tooke, 1812. *Ealing.* The ancient observation is true, that a child born in the seventh month commonly does well; but born in the eighth month generally dies. For where there is so great an anticipation of the ordinary time, this seems owing to the strength of the child, but when the anticipation is less, to some indisposition of the mother.—*Bacon.*

This is the grief which bursts a generous heart; when favour comes by chance, not by desert. *Sir William Alexander.*

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XVIII. MARCH.

Subtle is she, and practised in the arts
By which the wanton conquer heedless hearts;
Stubborn and loud she is; she hates her home;
Varying her place and form she loves to roam;
Now she's within, now in the street doth stray,
Now at each corner stands and waits her prey.—*The Harlot.*

Acts.

THE interview between *Cicero* and the voluptuous *Cleopatra* took place about the present day, in the gardens of Cæsar on the Tiber, with whom she was living at the moment of his death. The object of this singular meeting was the acknowledgment of her son.(by Julius Cæsar) as King of Egypt, which the orator, no doubt, promised to use his influence to effect; but in return for this obligation he was to receive books of grammarians and probably statues from the Alexandrian Library to embellish his own. The result appears from a letter addressed to Atticus: "*I hate the Queen of Egypt.* The favours she promised me, were such I need not be ashamed of, though they were proclaimed from the rostrum; they were only such as befitted a man of learning and became my dignity. *The haughtiness of the Queen when she was at the gardens, I never can reflect upon without strong feeling and resentment.*" Cicero now retires from Rome to his *Tusculanum*, and composes, as the means of amusing his sorrows, the treatises on *Old Age*, on *Friendship*, and on *Fate*, besides a history of the time, called his *Anecdote*, which, to the grief of all the lovers of the sharp style of this great man, has perished.

The first mayoralty of Sir Richard Whittington expires, 1398.

LADY MARY WORTLEY MONTAGU, inoculates, at Belgrade, her infant son, as an *experimental* preservative against the smallpox, (Tuesday) 1718—this disease first made its appearance at Mecca, where it is stated to have destroyed the invading Ethiopian army, and thus terminated, in 360, what is designated *The War of the Elephant.* Inoculation was tried in England, upon criminals, with complete success, about *nine years after*, in 1727. If Egypt had an *Isis*, we have a *Montagu.*

The American stamp-act is repealed by an act of parliament, 1766.

The battle of Landen in Brabant, when Dumouriez is repulsed and routed by the Prince of Saxe-Coburg, and the Austrian Netherlands are recovered, 1793. The Russian troops enter Hamburg, 1813.

These studies nourish youth, delight old age; are the ornament of prosperity, the solace and the refuge of adversity; they are delectable at home, and not burthensome abroad; they gladden us at nights, and on our journeys, and in the country. *Cicero.*

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XIX MARCH.

The taking away of my credit is but a necessary preparation to the taking away of my life, and my kingdoms; first I must seem neither fit to live, nor worthy to reign; by exquisite methods of cunning and cruelty, I must be compelled first to follow the funerals of my honour, and then be destroyed.

Icon Basiliké.

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
XIV. Cal. 19.	John le Clerc, 1657, *Geneva.* John Astruc, 1684, *Sauve.* Charles Lebrun, 1739, *St. Sauveur Laudelin.*	Alex. Severus, *mur.* A. D. 235. St. Plato, (Abbot), 813. *Mount Olympus.* *Confessor* Peter Coton, 1626. Spencer Compton, Earl of Northampton, 1643. *killed, Hopton-Heath.* Bp. (Thos.) Ken, 1711. *Frome.* Clement II. (Pope), 1721. Nicholas Hawksmoor, 1736. Cæsar Verdier, 1759. d. *Paris.* Sir Hugh Palliser, 1786. d. *Greenwich Hospital.* Francis Joseph Desbillons, 1788. Step. Storace, 1796. d. *London.* Dr. P. Hayes, 1797. *St. Paul's.* Richard Arden, Lord Alvanley, 1804. d. *Westminster.*

There is in some places, particularly in Cephalenia, a little shrub called holly-oak; or dwarf-oak; upon the leaves whereof rises a tumour like a blister; which they gather, and rub out of it a certain red dust, that turns to worms: these they kill with wine, when they begin to quicken; and with this dust they dye scarlet.—*Bacon.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Joseph, *died* (before the marriage at *Cana*), 1st Cent.

St. Alcmund *of England, Martyr,* c. 819.

Senecio was a man of a turbid wit; he would have no servants, but huge, massy fellows: he kept a concubine that was a very giantess, and made her walk in chioppins; till at last he acquired the *cognomentum* of Senecio Grandio.—*Seneca.*

Men talk without thinking, and think without talking.—*Temple.*

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XIX. MARCH.

See to their seats they hye with merry glee,
And in beseemly order sitten there;
All but the wight of bum y-galled, he
Abhorreth bench, and stool, and fourm, and chair;
And eke with snubs profound, and heaving breast,
He scorns her offer'd love and shuns to be caress'd.

The Schoolmistress.

Acts.

THE QUINQUATRIA were Roman festivals dedicated to Minerva, patroness of the month, which continued for *five* days: the first was kept sacred as her *birth-day*, the rest were devoted to gladiatorial exercises. It was one of the most pleasing of the Latin holidays, for then the schoolboys presented gifts, called *minerval*, to their tutors, from a belief that the goddess was the inventress of letters and numbers (her origin is Phœnician), and bloodless oblations were offered for the protection of learning. Augustus writes to his daughter upon this festival: "I have sent you two hundred and fifty denarii, which I gave to every one of my guests; in case they were inclined at supper to divert themselves at the game of *even or odd*." Ovid received his birth upon the *second* day.

The first eclipse of the moon upon record (by Ptolemy), B. C. 721.

The history of Herodotus terminates with the siege of Sestos, B. C. 478.

Charles Martel surprises and defeats Chilperic at *Ardennes*, A. D. 717.

The complaint against Lord Bacon for corruption is drawn up by *Sir Edward Coke*, and others, of the Commons, and presented to the House of Lords, this day, 1621: the chancellor was sick, but addressed a letter to his peers through the medium of Buckingham, not to prejudge his case from "any number of petitions against a judge that makes two thousand decrees and orders in a year; but that he may answer them according to the rules of justice, severally and respectively."—Pope's tinkling uncharitable hyperbole was taken from Swift's "mean and great Figures." *The Lord Chancellor Bacon when he was convicted of bribery.* Yet Swift could distinguish very well Machiavel from the truckler; a hall of justice from a den of thieves; his own times from those of Queen Elizabeth!—The great luminous meteor appears over all the west of Europe, 1719: St. Martin's church is founded by Gibbs, 1721: Charles IV. abdicates the Spanish throne 1808, the same day that the constitution of the Cortes was signed and proclaimed in 1812.

Certainly, it is heaven upon earth to have a man's mind move in charity, rest in providence, and turn upon the poles of truth.—*Bacon.*

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XX. MARCH.

Thou polished perturbation! golden care!
That keep'st the ports of slumber open wide
To many a watchful night!—sleep with it now!
Yet not so sound, and half so deeply sweet,
As he, whose brow with homely biggin bound,
Snores out the watch of night. O majesty!

King Henry IV.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIII. Cal. 20.	Publius Ovidius (Naso), B. C. 43, *Sulmo.* Bp. (Thos.) Morton, 1564, *York.* *Napoleon*, Duke of Reichstadt, 1811.] *Falstaff.* What, is the old king dead?—*Pistol.* As nail in door: the things I speak are just.—*Bardolph.* O joyful day. —*Falstaff.* Away; saddle my horse. Master Robert Shallow, choose what office thou wilt in the land, 'tis thine,—Pistol, I will double charge thee with dignities. Carry Master Silence to bed. Get on thy boots, Master Shallow; we'll ride all night: O, sweet Pistol; away, Bardolph; boot, boot, Master Shallow. *King Henry IV.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Cuthbert [a prince in Ireland,] *Bp. of Lindisfarne*, d. 687. St. Wulfran, Abp. of Sens, d. 720.	Publius Gallienus, (Emperor), A.D. 268. *assassinated, Milan.* Henry IV. (*of England*), 1413. *Canterbury.* Baptist Spagnoli, 1516. Ernest *Duke of Luneburg*, 1611. John Kirchman, 1643. d. *Lubeck.* George Digby, Earl of Bristol, 1677. *Chelsea.* Bishop (Samuel) Parker, 1687. *Oxford.* Sir Isaac Newton, 1727. *Abbey.* Adrienne la Couvreur, 1730. Peter Burman, *the Elder*, 1741. Frederick, Prince of Wales, 1751. d. *Leicester House.* Firmin Abauzit, 1767. *Geneva.* Wm. Murray, Earl of Mansfield, 1793. *Abbey.* The motion of the comets about the sun is in a very long slender oval; whereof one of the focuses is the centre of the sun, and the other very much beyond the sphere of Saturn. *Locke.*

So they grew together, as if their hands, voices, and minds had been incorporate: seeming parted, but yet a union in partition. *Seven* of the first, like coats in heraldry, due but to one, and crowned with one crest.

Midsummer Night's Dream.

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XX. MARCH.

Who but would wish his holy lot
In calm Oblivion's humble grot?
Who but would cast his pomp away,
To take my staff, and amice gray;
And to the world's tumultuous stage
Prefer the blameless hermitage?—*Warton.*

Acts.

THE copy of the Gospel of St. John *buried* with St. Cuthbert, was, during the last century, in the possession of the then Earl of Litchfield.

The famous John Talbot is created Earl of Shrewsbury, 1442.

Captain John White sails from Plymouth upon his fifth voyage to the West Indies, with the Hopewell, John Evangelist, and the Little John, 1590. The 24th of June they took a large Spanish ship, with hides and ginger on board, which did not prove so valuable a prize as they expected, *because a French man of war had plundered the vessel before.*

"In favour to my eyes (says Pepys, in 1667,) I stayed at home reading the ridiculous History of my Lord Newcastle, wrote by his wife; which shows her to be a mad, conceited, ridiculous woman, and he an ass to suffer her to write what she does about him." Again: "The whole story of this lady is a romance, and all she does is romantic. She was the other day at her own play '*The Humorous Lovers*,' the most ridiculous thing that ever was wrote, but yet she and her lord mightily pleased with it: and at the end she sent her respects from her box to the players, and gave them thanks."

Johnson writes to Thomas Warton, 1755: "After I received my Diploma, [dated 20th *February*] I wrote you a letter of thanks, with a letter to the Vice-Chancellor, and sent another to Mr. Wise: but have heard from nobody since, and begin to think myself forgotten. Dear Mr. Warton, let me hear from you, and tell me something, I care not what, so I hear it but from you: I hope to see my Dictionary bound and lettered next week; *vastâ mole superbus.* And I have a great mind to come to Oxford at Easter; but you will not invite me. Shall I come uninvited, or stay here where nobody would miss me if I went? a hard choice! but such is the world to me."—The *Doctor* was now preparing to open a *Bibliothèque*, or Gazette; his friend Dr. Adams recommended Maty as an assistant, "He, (said Johnson), the little black dog! I'd throw him into the Thames."—The "*Rambler*" commences, 1750.

If time permit, and candour will attend,
Some satisfaction these essays may lend.—*Motto to Rambler.*

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XXI. MARCH.

On should the day be overcast,
We'll linger till the show'r be past;
Where the hawthorn's branches spread
A fragrant cover o'er the head;
And list the rain-drops beat the leaves,
Or smoke upon the cottage eaves;
Or silent dimpling on the stream
Convert to lead its silver gleam.—*Kirke White.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XII. Cal. 21.	Hump. Wanley, 1672, *Coventry.* John Sebastian Bach, 1685, *Eisenach.* Henry Kirke White, 1785, *Nottingham.*	Edmond (*of Woodstock*) Earl of Kent, *beheaded*, 1330. Archbishop (Thomas) Cranmer, 1556. *burned, Oxford.* Peter Ernest Count de Mansfeld, 1604. d. *Luxembourg.* Francis Earl of Westmoreland, 1629. *Apethorpe.* Thos. Campanella, 1639. *Paris.* Archbishop (James) Usher, 1656. *Abbey.* Charlotte Tremoüille, Countess of Derby, 1662. *Ormskirk.* N. Highmore, 1684. d. *Sherborne.* James Dumoulin, 1755. d. *Paris.* Rd. Dawes, 1766. d. *Heworth.* James Nicholas Bellin, 1772. Wm. Earle, 1796. *Newton Tracy.* Colonel Ed. Despard, *ex.* 1803. Duke d'Enghein, 1804. *shot, Vincennes.* Michael Bryan, 1821.

I conjure you, my dearest heart, by all those graces that God hath given you, that you exercise your patience in this great and strange trial. If harm come to you, then I am dead indeed; and until then I shall live in you, who are truly the best part of myself.

Earl of Derby.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Serapion, (*called* the Sindonite), d. Egypt, c. 388.
St. Serapion (the scholastic), Bp. in Egypt, 4th Century.
St. Serapion, *Abbot.*
St. Benedict (or Bennet) *Abbot of Mount Cassino*, Patriarch of the Western Monks, d. 543. (*See English Church Calend.*)
St. Enna (or Endeus), *Abbot in Ireland*, 6th Century.

Men of real sense and understanding prefer a prudent mediocrity to a precarious popularity; and, fearing to outdo their duty, leave it half undone.

Goldsmith.

Give us play-things for old age.—*Prior.*

XXI. MARCH.

E'en thus I steer my bark, and sail
On even keel with gentle gale,—
Neither becalm'd, nor over-blown,
Life's voyage to the world unknown.—*Green.*

Acts.

THE SPRING EQUINOX. It fell correctly upon this nominal day in the year of our Lord, 325, the period when the first general Council was held at *Nice* in Asia. In 1582, however, the annual excess of eleven minutes had brought the Julian year ten days beyond the equinoxes, but which by the regulation of Pope Gregory were then omitted from the papal calendar, and that scale of intercalation he introduced (to equalize for ever the civil with the natural year,) which, in 1752, was tardily adopted by the English state. In the enactment of 1751, for renovating the British calendar, it is declared, by the tables, that EASTER-DAY, *on which the rest of the moveable feasts and holy-days depend, is always the first Sunday after the Full Moon which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March; and that if the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter-Day is the Sunday after.* This rule is in conformity to the decree of the council of *Nice;* but as the method for computing the Full Moons used by the church of England had become by process of time to be erroneous, distinct tables were then framed, and *substituted* in our Book of Common Prayer.—*See 2nd September.*

The new Epoch and sacred year of the Jews is established by divine command, corresponding with the first day of *Abib* (Nisan), the day of Pharaoh's overthrow, B. C. 1491.—*See 21st September.*

A remarkable eclipse of the sun is observed in England, which caused a total darkness, 1140. A hissing detonating meteor passed over Italy on the same day, two hours after sunset, 1676. Its apparent diameter was greater than that of the moon: its real diameter about three quarters of a mile; and the velocity was calculated at one hundred and sixty miles in a minute of time.

The general peace is proclaimed, 1763. Abercrombie's victory at Alexandria, 1801. Napoleon takes possession of Paris, and is joined the next day by Marshal Ney, 1815. An earthquake in Spain, 1829.

The seventh month, *Germinal*, of the French Republican Calendar began; about the time that the sun enters the sign *Aries.*

The plant may be improved by seasons and pains, but the root must be in the ground. *Sir William Temple.*

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XXII. MARCH.

Yet, since men go every day to view the fields where great actions have been performed, and return with stronger impressions of the event, curiosity of the same kind may naturally dispose us to view that country whence our religion had its beginning; and, I believe, no man surveys those awful scenes without some confirmation of holy resolutions.---*Imlac.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
XI. Cal. 22.	Henry de Beauchamp, Duke of Warwick, 1424, *Hanley Castle.* John Ellis, 1698, *St. Clement Danes.* Edw. Moore, 1712, *Abingdon.*	Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, 1322, *beheaded, Pontefract.* Thomas, Duke of Clarence, 1421, *killed, Beauyé.* Claudius (*of Abyssinia*), *killed*, 1559. Anne Clifford, Countess of Pembroke, 1676. d. *Brougham.* John Baptist Lully, 1687. Charles Bertie, 1711. *Uffington.* Matthew Hubert, 1717. *Paris.* Jonathan Edwards, 1758. *New Jersey.* John Canton, 1772.

'Behold, in this young gentleman, the eighth wonder of the world!' Then turning to me, and throwing his arms about my neck, 'Forgive (cried he) my transports! I cannot contain the joy that your presence creates.'—*Gil Blas.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Paul, *Bishop of Narbonne*, 3d Century.
St. Basil, *of Ancyra, Martyr*, 362.
St. Lea, *Widow of Rome*, d. 384.
St. Deogratias, *Bishop of Carthage*, d. 457.
St. Catharine, *of Sweden, V.* Abbess, 1381.

Having eaten and drunk his belly full, he accosted me in these words: 'Signor Gil Blas, I am too well satisfied with your good cheer to leave you, without offering an advice, for which you have great occasion: henceforth, beware of praise, and be upon your guard against every body you do not know.' —So saying, he laughed in my face, and stalked away.

Knowledge is certainly one of the means of pleasure, as is confessed by the natural desire which every mind feels of increasing its ideas.---*Rasselas.*

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From Carmel's almond-shaded steep
We feel the cheering fragrance creep:
O'er Engaddi's shrubs of balm
Waves the date-empurpled palm.—*The Crusade.*

Acts.

THE fifth Sunday in Lent, and the second before Easter-day.—*See 5th April.* It is called *Care* Sunday in some parts of England, and by the Latin church, *Passion* Sunday; but that sacred title refers to *Palm* Sunday in our reformed Calendar, consistently with the inspired narrative. This is the earliest day upon which Easter can possibly fall, according to the Nicene canon; the lowest is the 25th of April.

Theodosius degrades Antioch, the metropolis of the East, from the rank of a city, and subjects it to the jurisdiction of Laodicea, 387. The sedition, which was the cause of this temporary act of severity, is described by the two local orators, Chrysostom and Libanius.

The order of Knights Templars is suppressed by a papal decree, 1312.

Sir Walter Raleigh, with two sail, arrives this day, 1595, at Punta de Gallo, in the Island of Trinidad, where he burns the city of San Joseph, and takes the Governor Don Antonio de Barreo, a prisoner, in revenge for his having in 1594, betrayed and shot eight of Captain Whiddon's men, "after he had given his word, that they should take water and wood safely." He then proceeded to the Oronoco, and entered one of its *mouths* the 22d of May. "I know all the earth doth not yield the like confluence of streams and branches, the one crossing the other so many times, and all so fair and large, and so like one to another, as no man can tell which to take; and if we went by the sun, or compass, hoping thereby to go directly one way or other, yet that way we were also carried in a circle amongst multitudes of islands, and every island so bordered with high trees, as no man could see any further than the breadth of the river, or length of the reach."—The battle of *Beaujé*, in Anjou, (Easter-eve) 1421; Newark capitulates under the arms of Prince Rupert, 1644: Porto Bello surrenders to Admiral Vernon, 1740. Lord Castlereagh introduces a bill for the renewal of the East India Company's Charter for twenty years, 1813:—that period expires the 10*th of April*, 1834. The Spring fair at Franckfort is held on *Care* Sunday. It continues for fourteen days, or two weeks; the first of which is called the week of acceptance, and the second the week of payment.

O eloquent, just, and mighty Death! thou hast drawn together all the far-stretched greatness, all the pride, cruelty, and ambition of man, and covered it all over with these two narrow words, *Hic jacet.* *Raleigh.*

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XXIII. MARCH.

The jolly god can cheerfulness impart,
Enlarge the soul, and raise the joyful heart;
He brings the stubborn underneath his reign,
Disarms the lover of his high disdain,
And sends him suppliant to the fair again.—*Tibullus.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
x. Cal. 23.	Campegio Vitringa, *the younger*, 1693. Peter Simon Laplace, 1749, *Beaumonten Auge.*	John de Brienne, (*Emperor*), 1237. Julius III. (Pope) 1556. Justus Lipsius, 1606. *Louvain.* John Baptist Dubos, 1742. d. *Paris.* Dr. Robert James, 1776. Dr. Samuel Ogden, 1778. Paul (of Russia), 1801. *strangled, Petersburg.* Thomas Holcroft, 1809. Princess Augusta (*of Brunswick*), 1813. Augustus Frederick Kotzebue, 1819. *assassinated, Manheim.* Anselm Weber, 1821.

Peter on viewing the monument of *Richelieu*, regardless of the beauties of the sculpture, which is a master-piece of its kind, and admiring only the image of a minister who had restored to France that glory which she had lost, he embraced it with rapture, exclaiming, "Great man! I would have bestowed one half of my empire on thee, to have taught me to govern the other."

Voltaire.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Victorian, *Proconsul of Carthage*, and others, *Martyrs under the Vandals*, 484.

St. Edelwald, *of England*, d. 699.

St. Alphonsus Turibius, *Archbishop of Lima*, d. 1606.

You wonder, with good reason, that the hedge-sparrow can be induced at all to sit on the egg of the *cuckoo* without being scandalized at its vast disproportioned size; but the brute creation, I suppose, have very little idea of size, colour, or number.

White of Selborne.

There is another use of reading, which is for diversion and delight: such are poetical writings, especially dramatic, if they be free from profaneness, obscenity, and what corrupts good manners.

Locke.

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XXIII. MARCH.

See skulking truth to her old cavern fled,
Mountains of casuistry heap'd o'er her head!
Philosophy, that lean'd on Heaven before,
Shrinks to her second cause, and is no more.
Religion blushing veils her sacred fires,
And unawares morality expires.—*The Empire of Dulness.*

Acts.

THE *Tubilustrium* concluded the quinquatria, when the *trumpets* and other musical instruments used in the religious rites were purified.—There was a second feast of this name kept on the 23d of May. They were probably an institution of Romulus, and connected with the celebration of the lustra and cycles of the state. Ovid, that "*fine wag*," as Queen Elizabeth happily described him, details four curious reasons why this prince composed his calendar of only ten months.—1. Because the hands have ten fingers. 2. The cardinal numbers terminate with the tenth digit. 3. Ten lunar months is the mould allotted by nature to make up the *infantry* of Mars; and 4. the widows mourned the same space of time for the loss of their husbands; indeed it was considered *infamous* to throw off the veil before. Climate, six and twenty centuries ago, we find had little to do with virtue!

Sentence of *interdict* is pronounced by the Bishops of London, Ely, and Worcester, against the dominions of King John, 1208.

Pope writes to Dr. Swift, 1728: "Mr. Gay's opera has been acted near forty days running, and will certainly continue the whole season. Shall no one of us live as we would wish each other to live? Shall he have no annuity, you no settlement on this side, and I no prospect of getting to you on the other? This world is made for Cæsar, as Cato said.—Respecting those scribblers for whom you apprehend I would suppress my *Dulness*, (which by the way, for the future, you are to call by a more pompous name, *The Dunciad*,) how much that nest of hornets are my regard, will easily appear to you when you read the Treatise of the Bathos. As the obtaining the love of valuable men is the happiest end I know of this life, so the next felicity is to get rid of fools and scoundrels, whose incapacity is not greater than their insincerity. This poem will rid me of these insects."—*It did, in a little time, effectually silence them.—Warburton.*

The consequence of vehement and indiscriminating satire is, that true genius and merit are purified, whilst mere folly and the dregs of Grub Street are consumed. *Dryden.*

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XXIV. MARCH.

May still this Island be called Fortunate,
And rugged treason tremble at the sound,
When Fame shall speak it with an emphasis.
Let flattery be dumb, and envy blind
In her dread presence; Death himself admire;
And may her virtues make him to forget
The use of his inevitable hand.---*Ben Jonson.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
IX. Cal. 24.	Mahomet II. 1430. *Adrianople.* George Agricola, 1494, *Glauchau.* Eilhard Lubin, 1556, *Westerstead.* Joseph de Aguirra, 1630, *Spain.* Henry Benedict *Stuart*, 1725, *Rome.* Chief Justice Popham, when he was Speaker, and the House of Commons had sat long and done, in effect, nothing, coming one day to Queen Elizabeth, she said to him, '*Now, Mr. Speaker, what hath passed in the Commons' House?*'—He answered, '*If it please your Majesty, seven weeks.*' Apophthegms. **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Irenæus, *Bp. of Sirmium, Martyr*, 304. St. William, *Martyr at Norwich*, (aged 11 years), 1137. St. Simon, (an Infant), *Martyr at Trent*, 1472.	Bishop Mac Cartin, 506. died, *Clogher.* St. Catharine of Sweden, 1381. Nicholas V. (Pope), 1455. Sir James Dyer, 1581. *Stowton.* Elizabeth (*of England*), 1603. *Westminster Abbey.* Sir Thos. Aston, 1643. *Aston.* Dr. Jonathan Goddard, 1674. *St. Helen's.* John Evelyn, 1699. d. *London.* John Peringskiold, 1720. Dr. Daniel Whitby, 1726. Peter Sabathier, 1742. *Rheims.* John James Wetstein, 1754. *Amsterdam.* Philip Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield, 1773. Stephen Leake, 1773. *Thorp.* John Harrison, 1776. *Hampstead.* J. B. de Cloots, *guill.* 1794. Charles Ronsin, *guill.* 1794. James Hebert, *guill.* 1794. Mary Tighe, 1810. d. *Woodstock, Ireland.* Thomas Robinson, 1813. *Leicester.*

Now rise up, *Elisa*, decked as thou art, in royal ray.---*Spenser.*

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XXIV. MARCH.

And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not; vineyards and olive yards which ye planted not. Now, therefore, fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt. *Joshua.*

Acts.

THE twenty-fourth of *Nisan* is marked as a *fast* in the Jews' calendar for the death of Joshua. Their General was buried, full of honour, on the borders of his capital in Mount Ephraim, B. C. 1426.

It is attested upon this day by many enlightened as well as grave authorities in France, that the niece of the celebrated *Pascal* was cured of an inveterate distemper by a touch of one of the thorns in *the holy crown*, 1656. This hallowed relic had been pledged in the thirteenth century by the mendicity of Baldwin II. to a rich Venetian, to be redeemed on a certain day, and was translated from Venice to Paris with great ceremony, upon the payment by St. Louis, of about seven thousand pounds, in discharge of the debt, and nearly an equal sum to the Emperor for his right of resumption.

The anniversary of the demise of Queen Elizabeth of *glorious memory*. She died at her manor of Richmond, three o'clock in the morning of *Thursday*, on the last day of the civil year; but according to the *New Style*, on the fifth day of April, 1602—3. We may attribute to this long and vigorous reign the establishment of the Protestant Church.

Evelyn is at Venice, 1646: "The next day I was conducted to the Ghetta, where the Jews dwell together as in a tribe or ward, where I was present at a *marriage*. The bride was clad in white, sitting in a lofty chair, and covered with a white veil; then two old Rabbies joined them together, one of them holding a glass of wine in his hand, which in the midst of the ceremony, pretending to deliver to the woman, he let fall, the breaking whereof was to signify the frailty of our nature, and that we must expect disasters and crosses amidst all enjoyments. This done, we had a fine banquet, and were brought into the bridechamber, where the bed was dressed up with flowers, and the counterpane strewed in works. At this ceremony we saw divers very beautiful Portuguese Jewesses, with whom we had some conversation."

The painter, Benjamin West, is inaugurated *President* of the Royal Academy, 1794.

The knot of the will and affection is so much the more slackened and loosened, as the knot of constraint is drawn closer together. *Montaigne.*

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XXV. MARCH.

Peor and Baalim
Forsake their temples dim,
With that twice-batter'd god of Palestine;
And mooned Ashtaroth,
Heaven's queen and mother both,
Now sits not girt with tapers' holy shine;
The Libyc Hammon shrinks his horn,
In vain the Tyrian maids their wounded Thammuz mourn.

Milton.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VIII. Cal. 25.	Abp. (John) Williams, 1582, *Aberconway.* Bp. (George) Bull, 1634, *Wells.* Sir Rich. Cox, 1650, *Bandon.* Rapin de Thoyras, 1661, *Castres.* General d'Espagnac, 1713, *Brive la Gaillarde.* Joachim Murat, 1771, *Bastide Frontonière.*	Sir T. Elyot, 1546. *b. Carleton.* Bp. Aldrich, 1556. *Horncastle.* Dr. J. Barkham, 1642. *Bocking.* Archbishop (John) Williams, 1650. *Llandegay.* Henry Cromwell, 1674. Nehemiah Grew, 1711. Wm. Hamilton, 1754. d. *France.* Ellis Farneworth, 1763. William Cuming, 1788. Anna Seward, 1809. *Lichfield.*

Drunken men imagine all turns round, and that external things are coming upon them. They do not well discern objects afar off, and those they see near at hand, they see out of their places, and sometimes double. Men are sooner drunk with small draughts than with larger; and wine sugared inebriates less than pure wine. We have a merry saying that drunken men beget daughters. *Bacon.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Cammin, *Abbot in Ireland,* d. c. 653.

Mrs. Bombasine was two yards round the waist, and her face the picture of the full-moon. Are you the young woman, said she, that are come to offer yourself: I never take any body without a character; what friends do you come of? I then told her that my father was a gentleman, and that we had been unfortunate.—A great misfortune *indeed,* to come to me, and have three meals a-day.—Such gentlewomen! I am sure we have lost enough by gentlewomen. Pray, Mrs. Gentlewoman, troop down stairs. *Johnson.*

Leave perjury to be punished with death by the gods, and let it be punished with perpetual disgrace by men. *Twelve Tables.*

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XXV. MARCH.

Ring out, ye crystal spheres,
Once bless our human ears,
If ye have power to touch our senses so;
And let your silver chime
Move in melodious time;
And let the base of Heaven's deep organ blow.—*Hymn.*

Acts.

THE ANNUNCIATION. This festival, observed by the whole Christian world, is commemorative of the *Incarnation of* CHRIST; or, by periphrasis, the *Annunciation* to the Virgin Mary of our Saviour's Advent. Its institution may be correctly dated shortly after the publication at Rome of the Paschal Tables, in the year 527 of the Christian epoch, which its founder, Dionysius, the monk, commenced from *Lady Day*, of the civil time, and from *Christmas Day*, of the historical time.—*See 25th December.* In the age of Bede, the 8th century, that called *the vulgar Era* began to be generally known and used throughout the west of Europe; but different states varied their supputation as best suited their policy, religious enmities, or hopeless ignorance.

The *Hilaria* were feasts of merriment kept at ancient Rome, on the Equinox, and devoted to *Cybele*, the Mother of the Gods, whose shrine her priests then purified in the waters of the Almo. It continued for several days.—*See 12th April.*

In Lord Burghley's Diary is the following notice of a printer's monopoly, 1594: "A privilege granted to Charles Yetzwest, for printing all books of the common law." In the Stationers' book, October, 1587, is an entry of a *license* to John Charlewoode, by the whole consent of the assistants, that he shall have "the only imprinting of all manner of *bills for players;* provided that if any trouble arise hereby, then Charlewoode to bear the charges." Again, 6th November, 1615: "the liberty of printing all bills for *fencing* was granted to Mr. Purfoot."

Evelyn observes, 1649: "I heard the Common Prayer, (a rare thing in these times), at St. Paul's Wharf.—Charity schools are first instituted in London and Westminster, 1688. The memorable fire in Cornhill, 1748. Chatterton addresses Horace Walpole, from Corn Street, Bristol, inclosing his first Rowleian manuscript, 1769.—South westerly storms, about the equinox, denote a *wet* summer; and a showery April, between a dry March and a dry May, a *healthy* summer.

A man retires with universal applause, who the next day finds himself the subject of raillery, without knowing what might become of the opinion which was had of his merit. The reason is this, that one rarely judges of men by solid advantages, which is an argument of good sense; but by measures whose applause terminates as soon as the fancy which produced them.—*St. Evremont.*

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XXVI. MARCH.

By Heaven's decree, amidst the briny flood
This Isle, to every stranger sacred, stood
A column firm.—O, ne'er may rolling time,
Or black misfortune, change the hospitable clime!—*Pindar.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VII. Cal. 26.	Charles Duke of Mayenne, 1554. William Wollaston, 1659, *Cotton Clanford.* J. Watson, 1724, *Lime-Hanley.* I am a Catholic of the Church of Rome, but not of the Court of Rome: a true Roman Catholic as to the other world, but a true Englishman as to this: such a one as, had we a King inclined to that profession, (as, on the contrary, we have one the most firm and constant to the Protestant religion that ever sat upon the Throne) I would tell him as freely as the Duke of Sully told Henry IV., that if he meant to be a king, he must maintain the religion established in his dominions. *Earl of Bristol.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Braulio, Bishop of Saragossa, d. 646. St. Ludger, *Bishop of Munster,* Apostle of Saxony, d. 809.	Bishop (Brian) Duppa, 1662. *Abbey.* Sir Winston Churchill, 1688. *St. Martin's.* William Courten, 1702. died, *Kensington.* Sir J. Vanbrugh, 1726. d. *London.* Robert Moss, 1729. *Ely.* Gilbert West, 1756. *Wickham.* Charles Dineau Duclos, 1772. d. *Paris.* Dr. James Hutton, 1797. In the midst of dinner, my mistress's favourite cat leaped into her lap. I heard a noise behind me like that of a dozen stocking-weavers at work; and turning my head I found it proceeded from the purring of that animal, who seemed to be three times larger than an ox, as I computed by the view of her head and one of her paws. The fierceness of the creature's countenance altogether discomposed me; but it happened there was no danger, for the cat took not the least notice of me.—*Gulliver.*

An open door profits nothing if the countenance be shut.—*Cicero.*

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XXVI. MARCH.

Give me a look, give me a face,
That makes simplicity a grace;
Robes loosely flowing, hair as free:
Such sweet neglect more taketh me,
Than all the adulteries of art;
They strike mine eyes, but not my heart.—*Jonson.*

Acts.

CHARLES I. renews the patent, granted by his father, to *Benjamin Johnson*, 1630. The pension of one hundred *marks* was augmented to *pounds*, with the grace-cup of '*one tierce of Canary Spanish wine*,' to be delivered annually from the royal cellars at Whitehall.

Evelyn notes upon this day, 1699: "After an extraordinary storm, there came up the Thames a whale which was fifty-six feet long. Such, and a larger of the spout kind, was killed there forty years ago, (June, 1658). *That year died Cromwell.*" The reverend antiquary probably considered this a *prodigious* omen of the usurper's dissolution.

The Regalia of Scotland are deposited at Edinburgh Castle in an oaken chest, 1707.

An earthquake at *Venezuela* (Little Venice) in South America upon Holy Thursday, 1812. It is computed that twenty thousand persons perished in the ruins of the towns La Guayra, Caraccas, Merida, Mayquetia, and Sanfelipe.

Lord Chesterfield addresses his son: "Does good company care to have a man reeling drunk among them? or to see another tearing his hair, and blaspheming, for having lost, at play, more than he is able to pay? or a whore-master with half a nose, and crippled by coarse and infamous debauchery? No: those who practise, and much more those who brag of them, make no part of good company; and are most unwillingly, if ever, admitted into it. Take warning then by them; choose your pleasures for yourself, and do not let them be imposed upon you. Follow nature, and not fashion; weigh the present enjoyment against its necessary consequences, and then let your own common sense determine. I have not mentioned the pleasures of the mind (which are the solid and permanent ones), because they do not come under the head of what people commonly call pleasures; which they seem to confine to the senses. The pleasure of virtue, of charity, and of learning, is true and lasting pleasure; with which I hope you will be well and long acquainted."

I call that a complete and generous education which fits a man to perform justly, skilfully, and magnanimously, all the offices both public and private, of peace and of war. *Milton.*

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XXVII. MARCH.

It pauses now; and now, with rising knell,
Flings to the hollow gale its sullen sound.
Hear it, ye young, ye vain, ye great, ye proud!
'Tis nature speaks, and nature will be heard.
Yes, ye shall hear, and tremble as ye hear,
While high with health your hearts exulting leap;
E'en in the midst of pleasure's mad career,
The mental monitor shall wake and weep.—*Mason's Elegy.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Cal. 27.	James Keill, 1673, *Edinburgh.*	Ptolemy XIII. (*of Egypt*), B. C. 47, *drowned, Nile.*
		Clement III. (Pope), A. D. 1191.
		Alphonso II. (*of Castile*), 1350. d. *Gibraltar.*
		Gregory XI. (Pope), 1378.
		John Diaz, 1546, *murdered, Neuberg.*
		Theodore de Brye, 1598. d. *Francfort.*
		Margaret (*of France*), 1613. d. *Paris.*
		James I. (*of England*), 1625. d. *Theobalds.*
		George Carew, Earl of Totnes, 1629. *Stratford upon Avon.*
		Dr. Tobias Venner, 1660. d. *Bath.*
		Bp. Edward Stillingfleet, 1699. *Worcester.*
		Leopold, Duke of Lorraine, 1729. d. *Luneville.*
		Mary Mason, 1767. *Bristol.*
		Jacob Moreau, *guilt.* 1794.

People of the finest and most lively genius have the greatest sensibility, of consequence the most lively passions; the violence of which puts their conduct upon a footing with that of fools. Fools discern the weaknesses which they have in common with themselves; but are not sensible of their excellencies, to which they have no pretensions; of course, always inclined to dispute the superiority.—*Shenstone.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. John of Egypt, *Hermit*, 394.
St. Rupert, (or Robert) *Bishop of Saltzburg*, 718.

A travelling preacher, and a travelling woman, never come to any good at all.—*King James.*

Let us be grave, for here comes a fool.

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XXVII. MARCH.

I am whatever hath been, and is, and shall be; and no mortal hath yet pierced through the veil that shrouds me. *Inscription of Isis.*

Acts.

JULIUS CÆSAR, upon the death of Ptolemy *Bacchus*, (his real title is the *Execrable*, to the latest posterity,) takes possession of Alexandria, and delivers the Egyptian kingdom, freed from tribute, into the hands of Cleopatra and her younger brother,—a boy, whom he obliges her to marry, in obedience to the testamentary wishes of Ptolemy *Auletes*, their father, B. C. 47. Cæsar after this judicial act, worthy of himself, alloyed doubtless by some shadowy *visitings*, amuses himself for three months with the conversation of that seductive and magnificent princess, whose *toils* finished with the scene we have just noticed in the Capitol.

A feast of knighthood is celebrated at *Rimini*, on Easter Sunday, A.D. 1334, at which fifteen hundred minstrels and buffoons (*histriones*) assembled, from all the southern parts of Europe. In the household regulations of Harry VIII. it was a rule that "no herald, *minstrel*, falconer, or other, do bring to the court any boy, or rascal: nor keep lads, or rascals in court to do their business for them." The race of agreeable vagabonds was not scattered until about the close of the sixteenth century, when the occupation of chivalry had departed with the youth of those great and gay princes Elizabeth, and Henry of France.

Robert Bruce is crowned at Scone, 1306, a day and place which his grandson, Robert II. appointed, in 1371, for the same ceremony. Edward had carried off the national diadem, so that one was manufactured for this occasion, which was placed upon the head of the liberator of Scotland, by Isabella, Countess of Buchan, the sister of the Earl of Fife, a descendant of the great and muse-emblazed *Macduff*.

Henry VI. keeps his Easter at Hertford, 1429, and confirms, by charter, the weekly markets, for seven miles round, on pain of loss of goods.

Captain Castleton arrives at the *Mauritius*, and supposing it to have been undiscovered, they name it after their vessel, *the Pearl Island*, 1612.

Caraccioli, the Viceroy of Sicily, abolishes the Inquisition there, and destroys the archives, 1782. The peace of *Amiens* is signed, 1802. An eruption of Etna, 1809—Mount Frumento was formed by an indurated mass of lava upon the same day in the great eruption of 1669. The Zoological Society in Bruton Street is incorporated, 1829.

In Egypt, the young were obliged to rise up for the aged; and on every occasion to resign to them the most honourable seat.—*Herodotus.*

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XXVIII. MARCH.

For she was just, and friend to virtuous lore,
And pass'd much time in truly virtuous deed;
And in those elfins' ears would oft deplore
The times, when Truth by Popish rage did bleed;
And tortious death was true Devotion's meed;
And simple Faith in iron chains did mourn,
That nould on wooden image place her creed;
And lawny saints in smouldering flames did burn.

The Schoolmistress.

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
v. Cal. 28.	*Raffaello Sanzio* Raphael, 1483, *Urbino.* Sir Thos. Smith, 1514, *Walden.* *Saint* Theresa, 1515, *Avila.* Richard Sackville, Earl of Dorset, 1589, *Chartreuse.* Wm. Courten, 1642, *London.* Dr. Andrew Kippis, 1725, *Nottingham.* This is the hand, these are the thoughts of him who was beloved by the greatest men in Rome,—one who could have been a Leonardo, a Michael Angelo, a Titian, a Corregio, a Parmegiano, an Annibal, a Rubens, but none of them could ever have been a *Raphael.* *Richardson.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Priscus, Malchus, and Alexander, *of Cæsarea in Palestine, Martyrs,* 260. St. Sixtus, 3d Pope, d. 440. St. Gontran, *K. of Burgundy,* 593.	Publius Helvius Pertinax, (*Emperor*), *beheaded,* A. D. 193. St. Stephen, *of Citeau,* 1134. Martin IV. (Pope), 1285. d. *Perouse.* Bishop (Wm.) Ayrmin, 1337. d. *Charing-Cross.* Lord Fitzwalter, 1461. *killed, Ferrybridge.* Lord John de Clifford, 1461. *killed, Ferrybridge.* *Raffaello Sanzio* Raphael, 1520. *Rotunda, Rome.* Marcus Benavidio, 1582. Richard Sackville, Earl of Dorset, 1624. *Withiam.* James Callot, 1636. *Nanci.* Wentzel Hollar, 1677. *Westm.* Claudius Dechales, 1678. *Turin.* Dr. William Clagett, 1688. *St. Michael's Bassishaw.* Robert Damiens, *executed,* 1757. Margaret Woffington, 1760. Dr. James Tunstall, 1772. John, Marq. of Condorcet, 1794. Sir Ralph Abercrombie, 1801. *Isle of Malta.* Alexander Sabes Petion, 1818. *Haïti.*

Night is the sabbath of mankind.—*Butler.*

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XXVIII. MARCH.

Even such is Time, that takes on trust
Our youth, our joys, our all we have,
And pays us but with age and dust;
Who in the dark and silent grave,
When we have wandered all our ways,
Shuts up the story of our days!—*Raleigh.*

Acts.

THE Roman Senate assemble at *eight o'clock* in the morning—fourteen days after Paulus Æmylius had assumed his immortal Consulate, B. C. 168.—*See* 1*st April.* The English House of Commons usually sat at the *same hour* five centuries from the present age.—The ten thousand Prætorian guards, upon the murder of their Emperor Pertinax, offer the imperial diadem by public auction; and the Senator Didius Julian having bid the sum of two hundred pounds to *each soldier*, he was instantly declared the purchaser; but refusing to pay the price, he was afterwards stripped of the purple and put to death by his rebellious creditors. —The town and castle of Berwick are seized by the generals of Bruce, 1318.—*Gunpowder* is supposed to have been first used in Europe by the Venetians, upon this day, 1380, about the time that *printing* was invented, by "divine inspiration," saith Rabelais, as a match (*comme à contre-fil*) for the devil's suggestion of artillery.

Howell writes to Sir James Crofts, 1618: "The news that keeps greatest noise here now, is the return of Sir Walter Raleigh from his mine of gold in Guiana, which it seems is proved a mere chimera: but what will not one in captivity promise, to regain his liberty? 'Tis pity such a knowing, well-weighted knight had not a better fortune; for the *Destiny* (I mean that brave ship which he built himself, of that name, that carried him thither) is like to prove a *fatal* destiny to him, and to some of the rest of those gallant adventurers. Sir Walter landed at Plymouth, whence he thought to make an escape. Gondamar cries out, that he hath broke the sacred peace betwixt the two kingdoms; and so demands justice."—Thus, that great man was sacrificed by the pusillanimity of James, to gratify the cunning of a *Spanish* Embassador.

A hill five hundred feet in height was carried four miles from its site by the dreadful Calabrian earthquake, this day, 1783.

The planet *Pallas* is discovered by Dr. Olbers, of Bremen, upon this day, 1802. It revolves round the sun in four years seven months and eleven days, and is nearly of the same magnitude with *Ceres.*

Man, when he resteth and assureth himself upon divine protection and favour, gathereth a force and faith which human nature in itself could never obtain.

Bacon.

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XXIX. MARCH.

Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so thy God alone did lead the people of Israel.
Song of Moses.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Cal. 29.	Dr. John Lightfoot, 1602, *Stoke upon Trent.* Peter le Coq, 1728, *Ifs.* M. Guillotin, 1738, *Saintes.* Jean-de-Dieu Soult, 1769, *St. Aurans.*] A profligate fellow is one who is capable of saying or doing the basest things without any sense of shame. He will furnish you with as many oaths as you have occasion for,—reputation is not his business; you are welcome to abuse him as much as you please.—*Theophrastus.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Jonas, Barachisïus, and their Companions, *martyrs*, 327. St. Mark, *Bishop of Arethusa, in Syria*, 4th Century. Sts. Armogastes, Archinimus, and Satur (or Saturus), *martyrs*, 457. St. Gundleus, *a Welsh King*, 5th Century. St. Eustasius (or Eustachius), *Abbot of Luxeu*, d. 625.	Stephen X. (Pope), 1058. d. *Florence.* Raymond Lully, 1315. *Majorca.* Henry Percy, 3rd Earl of Northumberland, 1461. *k. Towton.* Scævola St. Marthe, 1623. d. *Loudun.* Archbishop (Tobias) Matthew, 1629. d. *York.* Claude Sarrau, 1651. d. *Paris.* Theophilus Bonet, 1689. H. Basnage, 1710. d. *Hague.* James Peirce, 1726. d. *Exeter.* Vincent Houdry, 1730. d. *Paris.* Thos. Coram, 1751. *Foundling Chapel.* Wm. Hamilton, 1754. d. *France.* Emanuel Swedenborg, 1772. *Ratcliffe.* Gustavus III. (*of Sweden*), 1792. d. *Stockholm.* Charles Dignum, 1827. Sir Wm. Drummond, 1828. Good nature is seen in a disposition to say and do what one thinks will please or profit others. *Temple.*

When a man has once forfeited the reputation of his integrity, he is fixed, and nothing will then serve his turn, neither truth nor falsehood.—*Tillotson.*

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XXIX. MARCH.

A very great multitude spread their garments, and others cut down branches from the palm-trees, and strawed them in the way. Then Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; saying unto them, It is written, my house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.---*Sacred History.*

Acts.

PALM SUNDAY is the sixth, or last Sunday in Lent, and the next preceding Easter-day.—*See 5th April.* It commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem upon *Sunday*, the twenty-ninth of March; five days before the feast of the Passover.—*John* xii. 12. This day records the death of *Epaphroditus*, the Apostle of Philippi, and the messenger of St. Paul, then in bonds at Rome, with his *Epistle* to the Philippians.

The battle of *Pollentia*, and defeat of the Huns, under Alaric their leader, upon Easter day, A. D. 403.—The battle of *Towton*, between the York and Lancastrian partisans, which decided the supremacy of the former, and placed Edward IV. upon his *empurpled* throne, Palm Sunday, 1461. This conflict continued from nine until three o'clock, amidst heavy falls of snow. The heralds appointed to number the slain, returned the Lancastrians alone at twenty-eight thousand, many of them victims of their own despair.—Prince James, of Scotland, in his passage to France, is seized this day, 1405, by an English corsair at Flamborough Head, and conducted to the English Court. "In fact," said Henry IV. with a political *salvo*, "the Scots ought to have given me the education of this boy, for I am an excellent French scholar."

"*Yes*," said Queen Elizabeth, addressing herself to the prelates in full convocation, 1585, "if you, my lords of the clergy, do not *amend*, I mean to depose you:—look you therefore well to your charges."

Dr. Swift predicted the death of Partridge, the *almanack maker*, of a raging fever, on this night, 1708: "though the legs and arms, and whole body of that person may still appear, and perform their animal functions; yet his art is gone—the man is gone." The Royal Society of Edinburgh is incorporated by charter, 1783. Dr. Olbers discovers the planet *Vesta*, 1807—its revolution is completed in three years sixty-six days and four hours. Gustavus IV. of Sweden, signs his abdication, 1809:—Marshal Soult took possession of *Oporto*, upon the same day. Napoleon abolishes the slave trade in the French dominions, 1815.

Finally, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are venerable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely and of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.—*St. Paul to the Philippians.*

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XXX. MARCH.

Then launch through Being's wide extent;
Let the fair scale with just ascent
And cautious steps be trod,
And from the dead corporeal mass
Through each progressive order pass
To instinct, reason, God.—*Hymn to Science.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
III. Cal. 30.	Sir Henry Wotton, 1568, *Boughton Hall.* W. Somner, 1606, *Canterbury.* Tiberius Cavallo, 1749, *Naples.* Francis Pilatre du Rozier, 1756, *Metz.* Nature is, as it were, ambitious of bringing together the fruits of different climates, and there is a strife among the seasons of the year, each claiming this favoured country as their own: for not only do fruits of every species flourish, but continue to ripen; the grapes and figs for ten months, other kinds throughout the year.—*Josephus.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. John Climacus, the Scholastic, *Abbot of Mount Sinai,* d. 605. St. Zozimus, *Bishop of Syracuse,* d. 660. St. Regulus (or Rieul), *Bishop of Senlis.*	Phocion, B. C. 317. *Athens.* St. Peter Regalati *of Valladolid,* A. D. 1456. Archbishop (Thos.) Bourchier, 1486. *Knowle.* Sir Ralph Sadler, 1587. d. *Standon.* Henry Cuffe, 1601. *executed, Tyburn.* John Wower, 1612. d. *Gottorp.* Bishop (John) King, 1621. William Somner, 1669. *Canterbury.* Sebastian de Vauban, 1707. d. *Paris.* Dr. William Hunter, 1783. *St. James's.* The olive still vindicates its paternal soil, and is found, at this day, upon the same spot which was called by the Hebrew writers Mount Olivet and the Mount of Olives, eleven centuries before the Christian era. *Dr. Clarke.*

Your shadow for yourself might almost pass;
'Tis not your picture, but your looking-glass.—*Sir Thomas More.*

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XXX. MARCH.

O, Peace, thy injur'd robes up-bind!
O, rise! and leave not one behind
Of all thy beamy train;
The British lion, goddess sweet,
Lies stretch'd on earth to kiss thy feet,
And own thy holier reign.—*Collins.*

Acts.

THIS day the Roman people dedicated to *Janus*, and to their goddesses *Concord*, *Health*, and *Peace*. The first temple erected to "Health" was consecrated by the Dictator Junius Bubulcus Brutus, after his rapid victory over the Æqui, B. C. 302. Fabius *Pictor* received that surname from his having adorned the walls of this new fane in fresco, which appears to be the earliest record of the use of the fine art, *painting*, among the Romans.

The Sicilian Vespers, is a quaint appellation to express the promiscuous *massacre* of eight thousand French, by the people of Sicily, which began at Palermo upon Easter-Monday (truly a *black* monday), when the bell was tolling for evening service, the *vespers*, 1282. "O God!" exclaimed the sanguinary Charles, after this retribution, "if thou hast decreed to humble me, grant me at least a gentle and gradual descent from the pinnacle of greatness:"—a prayer that the eternal Avenger of blood and cruelty denied, to the conscience-stricken usurper.

Edward I. takes the town of Berwick by assault, which is plundered of its wealth, and about seventeen thousand of the inhabitants put to the sword, 1296. The truce for thirteen years between Edward II. and Bruce, who had recently defeated the English monarch at Biland Abbey, is concluded at Thorpe, 1323;—the same day also that the *third* Edward, then newly inaugurated, in his fifteenth year, convoked his splendid and gallant rendezvous at York of sixty thousand men at arms "including five hundred belted knights, animated by the presence of the queen mother, and fifty ladies of the highest rank" to revenge the breach of that treaty, 1327.

Hugh Balsam, Bishop of Ely, endows his foundation of *Peterhouse*, the first college in the University of Cambridge, 1280. The peace of *Utrecht* is signed, 1713.

The City of London Lying-in Hospital is instituted, 1750.

Rossini produces his opera of "*Cenerentola*" at Vienna, 1822.

Through many a flowery path and shelly grot,
Where learning lull'd them in her private maze.—*Gray.*

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XXXI. MARCH.

All the world's bravery, that delights our eyes,
Is but thy several liveries;
Thou the rich dye on them bestow'st,
Thy nimble pencil paints this landscape as thou go'st.

Hymn to Light.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Cal. 31.	Prince Arthur, *Duke of Brittany*, 1187. Diana *of Poitiers*, 1500. Henry II. (*of France*), 1518, *St. Germain.* Rene Descartes, 1596, *La Haye.* Benedict XIV. (Pope), 1675, *Bologna.* Frederick V. (*of Denmark*), 1723. Francis Joseph Haydn, 1732, *Rhorau.* Dr. Joseph Towers, 1737. *Southwark.*	Titus Pomponius Atticus, B. C. 32. *Appian Road.* Alphonso d'Avalos, A. D. 1546. Francis I. (*of France*), 1547. d. *Rambouillet.* Philip III. (*of Spain*), 1621. d. *Madrid.* Dr. John Donne, 1631. *St. Paul's.* Thomas Gore, 1684. d. *Alderton.* Christian Kortholt, 1694. Peter d'Orleans, 1698. d. *Paris.* Nakita, Count de Panin, 1783. d. *Petersburg.* George, Earl Macartney, 1806. *Chiswick.* Ludwig Beethoven, 1827. d. *Vienna.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Acacius (or Achates), *Bp. of Antioch, in Asia Minor*, d. 3d Century. St. Benjamin, Deacon, *Martyr*, 424. St. Guy (or Witen), *Abbot at Ferrara*, d, 1046.	The pursuers of vain knowledge are like owls, sharp-sighted in vanity, and blind at the approach of true light.—He is wise that can hurt and does not; and he is a fool that would hurt, but cannot.—*Bias.*

Let none ignorant of Geometry enter here.—*Inscription over Plato's Academy.*

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XXXI. MARCH.

The seasons alter: hoary-headed frosts
Fall in the fresh lap of the crimson rose;
And on old Hyems' chin, and icy crown,
An odorous chaplet of sweet summer buds
Is, as in mockery, set: the spring, the summer,
The childing autumn, angry winter, change
Their wonted liveries; and the 'mazed world,
By their increase, now knows not which is which.—*Shakspeare.*

Acts.

THE six *borrowing days*, are the last three days of March, and the first three days of April. They are of rustic authority, sufficiently expressive of their meaning; derived partly from some ancient superstition, and partly from an actual observation of the *fickleness* and instability of the temperature at the period of their occurrence; as rains in the former triad, and rough winds in the latter, "*so that scarce the bittern knows his time;*" and, both changes being equally injurious to the health and to vegetation, these accommodation days were (not to dispute the proverb) appropriately called, *pledges of evil.*

The marriage of the Emperor Constantine with *Fausta*, the cruel and dissolute daughter of Maximian, is celebrated at Arles, A. D. 307.

Cockfighting is prohibited by an Act of the Usurpation, 1654.

Swift's Journal, 1713: "This evening, Lady Masham, Dr. Arbuthnot, and I, were contriving *a lie for to-morrow*, that Mr. Noble, who was hanged last Saturday, was recovered by his friends, and then seized again by the sheriff, and is now in a messenger's hands at the Black Swan in Holborn. We are all to send to our friends, to know whether they have heard any thing of it, and so we hope it will spread."

The declaration of war between Great Britain and France, 1744.

The Jesuits this night are seized and expelled from Madrid, 1767.

The Allied Sovereigns enter Paris, upon its evacuation by the troops of Marshals Marmont and Mortier, 1814.

The planet *Mars*, which derives its name from the same sources as the present month, revolves on his axis in twenty-four hours, thirty-nine minutes, and twenty-two seconds; and performs his revolution round the sun in one year, three hundred and twenty-one days, twenty-three hours, fifteen minutes, and forty-four seconds. His magnitude exceeds by one seventh that of the earth, the diameter being 4218 miles.

Spurns he thy gifts?—He soon shall give:
Slights he thy sorrows?—He shall grieve.
Venus to Sappho.

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SPRING.

Thy head with flames, thy mantle bright with flowers.—*Drummond.*

THIS day dame Nature seem'd in love:
The lusty sap began to move;
Fresh juice did stir th' embracing vines,
And birds had drawn their valentines,
The jealous trout that low did lie,
Rose at a well-dissembled fly.
Already were the eaves possess'd
With the swift pilgrim's daubed nest:
The groves already did rejoice,
In Philomel's triumphing voice:
The showers were short, the weather mild,
The morning fresh, the evening smil'd.
Joan takes her neat rubb'd pail, and now
She trips to milk the sand-red cow.
The fields and gardens were beset
With tulips, crocus, violet;
And now, though late, the modest rose
Did more than half a blush disclose.
Thus all looks gay and full of cheer,
To welcome the new livery'd year.—Sir Henry Wotton.

SWEET bird, that sing'st away the early hours
Of winters past, or coming, void of care,
Well pleased with delights which present are,
Fair seasons, budding sprays, sweet-smelling flowers:
To rocks, to springs, to rills, from leafy bowers
Thou thy Creator's goodness dost declare,
And what dear gifts on thee he did not spare,
A stain to human sense in sin that lowers.
What soul can be so sick, which by thy songs
(Attir'd in sweetness) sweetly is not driven
Quite to forget earth's turmoils, spites, and wrongs,
And lift a reverend eye and thought to heaven?

The Nightingale.

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APRILIS.

Under the Protection of Venus.

Ridens; quam Jocus circumvolat, et Cupido.—*Horace.*

On Cytherea's day,
O'er Idalia's velvet green
The rosy-crowned Loves are seen;
Where'er *she* turns the Graces homage pay:
With arms sublime, that float upon the air,
In gliding state she wings her easy way:
O'er her warm cheek and rising bosom move
The bloom of young desire and purple light of love.

Ah me! for aught that ever I could read,
Could ever hear by tale or history,
The course of true love never did run smooth:
But, either it was different in blood,
Or else misgraffed, in respect of years,
Or else it stood upon the choice of friends;
Or, if there were a sympathy in choice,
War, death, or sickness did lay siege to it;
Making it momentany as a sound,
Swift as a shadow, short as any dream;
Brief as the lightning in the collied night,
That, in a spleen, unfolds both heaven and earth,
And ere a man hath power to say,—Behold!
The jaws of darkness do devour it up:
So quick bright things come to confusion.—*Shakspeare.*

O rustic herald of the Spring!
At length in yonder woody vale,
Fast by the brook I hear thee sing,
And studious of thy homely tale,
Amid the vespers of the grove,
Amid the chanting choir of love,
Thy sage responses hail.—*The Cuckoo.*—Akenside.

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APRIL.

Next came fresh April, wanton as a kid.—*Spenser.*

APRIL, at whose glad coming Zephyrs rise
With whisper'd sighs,
Then on their light wing brush away,
And hang amid the woodlands fresh
Their aery mesh
To tangle Flora on her way.

April, it is thy hand that doth unlock,
From plain and rock,
Odours and hues a balmy store,
That breathing lie on Nature's breast,
So richly blest,
That earth or heaven can ask no more.

April, the hawthorn and the eglantine,
Purple woodbine,
Streak'd pink, and lily-cup, and rose,
And thyme, and marjoram, are spreading,
Where thou art treading,
And their sweet eyes for thee unclose.

The little nightingale sits singing aye
On leafy spray,
And in her fitful strain doth run
A thousand and a thousand changes,
With voice that ranges
Through every sweet division.

Sweet month! it is when thou dost come again,
That love is fain
With gentlest breath the fires to wake,
That covered up and slumbering lay,
Through many a day.—Belleau.

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UPON his breast a bloody Cross he bore,
The dear remembrance of his dying LORD,
For whose sweet sake that glorious badge he wore,
And dead (as living) ever him adored:
Upon his shield the like was also scored:
His angry steed did chide his foaming bit;
As, much disdaining to the curb to yield:
Full jolly Knight he seem'd, and fair did sit,
As one for knightly justs and fierce encounters fit.

Enforc'd to seek some covert nigh at hand,
A shady grove not far away he spied,
That promis'd aid the tempest to withstand:
Whose lofty trees, yclad with summer's pride,
Did spread so broad, that heaven's light did hide;
The sailing *pine*, the *cedar* proud and tall,
The vine-prop *elm*, the poplar never dry,
The builder *oak*, sole king of forests all,
The *aspin*, good for staves, the *cypress* funeral.

The *laurel*, meed of mighty conquerors
And poets sage; the *fir* that weepeth still;
The *willow*, worn of forlorn paramours;
The *yew*, obedient to the bender's will;
The *birch* for shafts; the *sallow* for the mill;
The *myrrh* sweet, bleeding in the bitter wound;
The warlike *beech*; the *ash* for nothing ill;
The fruitful *olive*, and the *platane* round;
The carver *holm*; the *maple* seldom inward sound.

The Groves of Errour.—Spenser.

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I. APRIL.

Rise up, my love, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.---*Song of Solomon.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Cal. 1.	Sir John Suckling, 1613, *Witham.* Charles de St. Evremond, 1613, *St. Denis le Guast.* Solomon Gesner, 1730, *Zurich.* Bartholomew Mercier (*Abbé de St. Leger*), 1734, *Lyons.* Louis Schiavonetti, 1765, *Bassano.* Emilia has something of majestical, that imprints respect; something of sweet and ingenious, that wins the inclinations. She attracts you, she retains you; and you always approach to her with desires, that you cannot show. *St. Evremond.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Melito (*surnamed* the Prophet), *Bp. of Sardes, in Lydia,* 2nd Century. St. Hugh, *Bishop of Grenoble,* d. 1132. St. Gilbert, *Bishop in Scotland,* d. 1240.	Abp. Celsus, 1129. *Armagh.* James, Lord Audley, 1386. *Stilton.* Tamerlane, 1405. d. *Otrar-upon-Sihon.* Robert III. (*of Scotland*), 1406. *Paisley.* Henry de Montmorency, 1614. Archi(bald) Armstrong, 1672. *buried, Arthuret.* John Burchard Mencke, 1732. d. *Leipsic.* Dr. John Langhorne, 1779. d. *Blagdon.* Hilary Rouelle, 1779. d. *Paris.* John Lewis Lombard, 1794. Dr. Isaac Milner, 1820. A wise man's heart is at his right side; but a fool's heart at his left. Surely a serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be. *Solomon.*

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. *Ecclesiastes.*

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I. APRIL.

To thee we owe the beauties of the field,
And earth's rich produce. At thy mild approach
The dimpling waves put on a thousand smiles;
The sky no longer lowers: but calm and clear,
Spreads its pure azure to the world's extreme.---*Lucretius.*

Arts.

THE MONTHS. If we disregard the (certainly) pleasing inventions of ancient fable, we may consider the second Romulian month, *Aprilis*, but expressive of the Earth, as she appears in this position of the sun, freed from the embrace of winter, and crowned with promise and beauty. The name is derived from *aperire*, *to open*, or *uncover;* Venus (in Greek, *oinas*, and in Latin, *columba*) is her prototype, as was the *Phaennis* of the Dodonians, and the *Frea* of pagan Saxony. The fourth Julian month, *April*, corresponds with the second moon, *Pharmuthi*, in the ancient, and the eighth of the modern Egyptian year; with the eighth historical, and the second ecclesiastical moon, *Jiar* (called before their captivity, *Zif*,) of the Hebrews; with the eighth moon, *Aben* (the month in which the *musteraca*, or five intercalary days of the Yesdegerdic year were inserted) of the Persians; with the eighth moons *Artemisius*, *Demarchexasius*, and *Strategius*, of the Syro-Macedonians, Paphians, and Bithynians; with the eighth moons *Miazia*, *Barmoudah*, and *Arieki*, of the Abyssinians, Copts, and Armenians; with the seventh solar month, *Nisan*, of the Syrians; with the eleventh moon, *Thargelion*, of the Athenians; the eighth, *Dæsius*, of the Macedonians, and the fourth, *Xanthicus*, of their solar year; and with the tenth moons, *Schevval*, and *Schevrail*, of the Arabs and the Turks; by the Anglo-Saxons it was named *Oster* month (according to Bede from *Eostre*, a Saxon goddess), and *Gras* month is its denomination among the Dutch and Germans.

The foundations of the Temple of Solomon were laid in the month *Jiar*, the fourth year of this Prince's reign, and the eleventh year of that of Hiram, King of Tyre, B. C. 1012. It was completed and dedicated at the end of seven years and six months. According to the Hebrew historian the citadel of Tyre was founded two hundred and forty years before the temple. In reply to Solomon's letter for assistance, his royal friend observes: "Do you take care to procure us *corn* for this timber; because, living upon an island, it is a commodity we shall much want."

A dainty draught to lay her down in blue,
The colour commonly betokening true.---*Peele's Flora.*

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I. APRIL.

Thou art not of that wilder race
  Upon the mountain side,
Able alike the summer sun
  And winter blast to bide;
But thou art of that gentle growth
  Which asks some loving eye
To keep it in sweet guardianship,
  Or it must droop and die.---*The Myrtle.*

Acts.

VENUS. Upon the first of April the festival of *Venus Verticordia* (the chaste) was kept within the temple dedicated to her homage in the Salarian way, where she sat enthronized, crowned with myrtle and flowers, and scattered (tropically) the virtues of the *cestus* to the most deserving of her votaresses. The morning they employed in bathing, which was performed at the Temple of *Fortune*, standing on the banks of the Tiber, an edifice constructed by Servius Tullius, for the exclusive use of the fair. The image of the goddess was also stripped, with great care and nicety, of her ornamental dress (the *breast-plate* was composed of British pearls presented by Julius Cæsar), and then replaced, after the accustomed ablutions, with the same regard to the supremacy of the queen of smiles and wrinkles. She is termed by the master of these ceremonies, "Mother of the two Loves," her double offspring *Cupid* and *Anteros*, symbolizing that mutual endearment which is produced by emulation. The general respect of the Pagan nations for the shrine of this all-powerful divinity is to be censured so far only as it gave authority to idolatrous worship; otherwise there *could* be no irregularity in a decent attention (which, however, in more polished times was rarely understood) to the purposes of life—those means by which the earth preserves its happiness, its order, its existence.

All Fools' Day, was the octave, or last day of the "*Hilaria*" already noticed in the Roman Calendar. The *long-coats* are a very ancient house; and it being vain to trace the institution of this festival to any particular people, we are perhaps better occupied in plucking the *moral* from its mystery, which teaches us to reconcile every state that is sub-solar with occasional disappointment. *All* men were children of folly upon this day, because devoted to universal mirth and equality; and because the rich and wise reversed their insignia, if not voluntarily, at length by a *trick* of their inferiors, these were dubbed *old* fools of the college; or to speak as statists, the *herring* and the *mackerel*, the lamb and lion; enjoyed, upon the first of April, a community of privileges.

Sermons in stones, and good in every thing.---*Shakspeare.*

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I. APRIL.

Beneath a willow, long forsook,
The fisher seeks his custom'd nook;
And bursting through the crackling sedge,
That crowns the current's cavern'd edge,
He startles from the bordering wood
The bashful wild-duck's early brood.---*Warton's April.*

Acts.*

THE month of abstinence observed by the Turks and the rest of the Mohammedan sects concludes with *Ramadhan*; and the high festival called the "*Little Bairam*" commences with the new moon of *Schevrail.* There is but little variance in the *species* of sacrifice from the *offerings* at the Jewish *Passover.* This is the season of the plague in Egypt, arising from the dry and putrid state of the river, until the atmosphere becomes purified by those rains and dew-falls which are always expected about *St. John's day.*

Emylius Paulus passes from Brundusium to Corcyra (the modern *Corfu*) on his famous *Macedonian* expedition; and upon the sixth of this month he sacrifices to Apollo at the shrine of Delphi, B. C. 168.

Urban VIII. issues his bull *In cœna Domini*, A. D. 1627, announcing the usual spiritual *anathema* upon Holy Thursday (the anniversary of the last supper), against all infringers of the papal Hierarchy.

Erasmus is entertained at London by the great and learned, 1506.

Lady Montagu writes from Adrianople upon this day, 1716: "Here are some little birds held in a sort of religious reverence, and for that reason they multiply prodigiously: turtles, on the account of their innocence; and storks, because they are supposed to make every winter the pilgrimage to Mecca. I am patriot enough to take pains to bring this useful invention of *ingrafting* into fashion in England; and I should not fail to write to some of our doctors very particularly about it, if I knew any one of them that I thought had virtue enough to destroy such a considerable branch of their revenue for the good of mankind. Perhaps, if I live to return, I may, however, have courage to war with them." This divine creature kept her word—she killed the *rats.*

The ancient abbey of Cistercians at Flaxley, is burnt, 1771.

Napoleon's state marriage with the Archduchess is solemnized in his own capital, 1810.—Here begins the season to angle for the barbel, the bream, the carp, and the smelt.

* What may not we expect from a creature that went out the most perfect of this part of the world, and is every day improving by the sun in the other!

Pope to Lady Montagu.

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II. APRIL.

Now Philomel renews her tender strain,
Indulging all the night her pleasing pain:
I sought the groves to hear the wanton sing,
There saw a face more beauteous than the spring.
Your large stag-eyes, where thousand glories play,
As bright, as lively, but as wild as they.—*Ibrahim Pacha.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Non. 2.	Wm. Harvey, 1578, *Folkstone.* Jas. Winslow, 1669, *Odensee.* Peter Remi Willemet, 1762, *Nanci.* Charles Nicolas Oudinot, 1767, *Bar-sur-Ornain.*] Alexander Sabes Petion, 1770, *Port-au-Prince.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Apian (or Aphian), *Martyr in Cæsarea, of Palestine,* d. 306. St. Theodosia, *V. Martyr in Cæsarea,* d. 308. St. Nicetius (or Nizier), *Archbishop of Lyons,* d. 577. St. Ebba, *Abbess in Scotland,* and her Companions, *Martyrs,* 870, or 874. Constantine II. (King of Scotland), 874. St. Bronacha (or Bronanna), *V. Abbess in Ireland.* St. Francis *of Paula,* Founder of the Order of Minims, d. 1508.	Richard Earl of Cornwall (*King of Rome*), 1272. *Hales.* Prince Arthur (*of Wales*), 1502. d. *Ludlow.* Sir Robert Drury, 1615. Matthias Casimir, 1640. d. *Warsaw.* John James Dillenius, 1747. Thomas Carte, 1754. *Yattendon.* John Baptist Boyer, 1768. d. *Paris.* Honoré Gabriel, Count de Mirabeau, 1791. *Genevieve du Mont.* They ought not to esteem difference of positive institutions a sufficient cause of alienation; but rather they should join with us in the pursuit of virtue and probity, for this belongs to all men in common, and of itself alone is sufficient for the preservation of human life.—*Josephus.*

The spirit of the metropolis is the life-blood of the state, collected at the heart: from that point it circulates, with health and vigour, through every artery of the constitution.
Junius.

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II. APRIL.

Amen,---verily I say unto you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall *this* also, that which this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.—*Christ's mandate.*

Acts.

MAUNDY THURSDAY. This day records the institution of the holy sacrament of *The Lord's Supper*, when our Saviour celebrated, for the last time, the national Passover. According to Spelman, the *mande* is the *hand-basket* in which the king was accustomed to give alms to the poor: but its derivative is most probably the *initial* mandate in the Greek text —that the poor should always be remembered, even as this woman (Mary of Bethany) had remembered me; or perhaps a corruption of the *muron*, the casket of odorous funereal *ointment* bestowed by her upon the person of the Saviour. This ointment, said Judas Iscariot, who was the *purse-bearer* or almoner of Christ and the apostles, we might have purchased, and with it embalmed or purified the poor; but Christ rebuked him, saying "*the poor* always ye have with you, but me ye have not always." Edward III. in 1363, the 30th of March, first distributed the *Maundy*, and purified the poor, which latter ceremony was, however, discontinued at the Revolution; but the provisions and silver pieces are still bestowed upon this day by the King's Sub-Almoner in the Royal Chapel at Whitehall.

The siege of Constantinople by Alexius Comnenus, 1081. The Earl of Bothwell's skirmish with the cavalry of King James at Edinburgh, 1594. A petty king of Canton commands eleven of the bonzes or priests of Fohi to be burned for incontinence, 1667. The Eddystone Lighthouse is founded of *stone* by Smeaton, 1757; which great work he completed on the 24th of August 1759. Burns writes upon this day, 1789, "*Wealth* daily bestows his greatest kindnesses on the undeserving and the worthless—assure him that I bring ample documents of meritorious demerits! —that for the glorious cause of Lucre, I will do any thing—be any thing—but the horse-leech of private oppression, or the vulture of public robbery!" The pseudo-tragedy of "*Vortigern*" is produced at Drury-Lane, 1796. The naval victory of Copenhagen, 1801. The setting of the seven Pleiades in the Roman calendar, when the *plays*, in the time of the commonwealth, were represented in honour of Cybele.

As a blush is the colour of virtue, so poverty is her fortune.---*Bacon.*

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III. APRIL.

The sun is in the heaven, and the proud day,
Attended with the pleasures of the world,
Is all too wanton, and too full of gawds,
To give me audience:—If the midnight bell
Did, with his iron tongue and brazen mouth,
Sound one unto the drowsy race of night,
I would into thy bosom pour my thoughts.---*King John.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
III. Non. 3.	George Herbert, 1593, *Montgomery Castle.* Roger Rabutin Count de Bussy, 1618, *Epiry.* John Antonides, 1647, *Goes.* George Edwards, 1694, *West Ham.* Mathurin Brisson, 1723, *Fontenay le Comte.* Men know not the worth of a measure of lupines, and serenity of mind.—*Crates.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Agape, Chionia, and Irene, *Sisters*, and their Companions, *Martyrs*, 304. St. Ulpian, *of Tyre*, Martyr, d. c. 306. St. Nicetas, *Abbot on Mount Olympus*, d. 824. St. Richard de Wiche, *Bishop of Chichester*, d. 1253. (*See English Church Calendar.*)	St. Fara *of Faremoutier*, 655. John II. (Emperor), 1143. *Constantinople.* Prince Arthur (Duke of Brittany), 1203. *murd. Rouen.* Honorius IV. (Pope), 1287. Charles Blunt, Earl of Devonshire, 1606. *Abbey.* John Baron Napier, 1617. d. *Merchiston.* Thomas Lydiat, 1646. *Okerton.* Edward, Marquess of Worcester, 1667. *Ragland.* Edmund Dickinson, 1707. *St. Martin's.* James Ozanam, 1717. d. *Paris.* John Albert Fabricius, 1736. d. *Hamburg.* Samuel Wright, 1746. d. *Newington Green.* James Benignus Winslow, 1760. Henry Thrale, 1781. d. *Southwark.* Dr. John Berkenhout, 1791. Richard Lallemant, 1807. *Rouen.* Bishop (Reginald) Heber, 1826. *Calcutta.*

I felt almost the last flutter of his pulse, and looked for the last time upon the face that for fifteen years had never been turned upon me but with respect and benignity. *Johnson.*

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III. APRIL.

When he of purple did his banner spread
On Calvary abroad upon the rood,
To save mankind.—*Lydgate.*

Acts.

GOOD FRIDAY. The crucifixion of the SAVIOUR was perpetrated upon this day, in the nineteenth year of Tiberius, *Anno Domini*, 33. It took place at the sixth hour of Roman time, and continued until the ninth hour, i. e. from twelve to three o'clock. In the age of Augustus the Jews were exempted from the secular authority after the ninth hour on Friday, called the day of *preparation* for the Sabbath; so that the Passion and supernatural darkness *closed* with that part of the day which divided the Sabbath from the Passover. By the Anglo-Saxons this day was called *Long Friday*, to distinguish it from all other Fridays in the year, which were, as indeed they are *now* considered by the English Church, *ordinary* days of abstinence. Gray is at Rome, 1740: "It was something extremely novel to see that vast church, and the most magnificent in the world, undoubtedly, illuminated (for it was night) by thousands of crystal lamps, disposed in the figure of a huge cross at the high altar, and seeming to hang alone in the air." He then mentions the numerous processions, and the demi-suicides, or those *penitents* who incarnadine the conscience. Upon *Good Friday* John Blagrave, the mathematician's annual donation is disposed of by lot to one of the three elect *virtuous maidens* of the town of Reading who have lived for five years in the service of the same family,—a benevolent institution.

Augustus signs his will this day A. D. 13, written upon two skins of parchment. He gave, in legacies to the Roman people, forty millions of sesterces, and *divorced* the two Julias, his daughter and grandaughter, from his sepulchre. Galba accuses Nero, before the people, of his enormities, and elects himself *Lieutenant* of the state, 68.

The battle of *Navarette*, and victory of Edward the Black Prince by which Peter the Cruel was replaced upon the Castilian throne, 1367.

Prince Rupert enters the town of Birmingham by force, 1643.

Obedience is better than sacrifice.—*Socrates.*

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IV. APRIL.

Dear charming nymph, neglected and decry'd,
My shame in crowds, my solitary pride;
Thou source of all my bliss, and all my woe,
That found'st me poor at first, and keep'st me so;
Thou guide by which the nobler arts excel,
Thou nurse of every virtue, fare thee well!—*Goldsmith.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Prid. Non. 4.	John Jackson, 1686, *Lensy.*	St. Ambrose, 397. d. *Milan.*
	Who is that yonder, buffeted, mocked and spurned? Whom do they drag like a felon? See where they have nailed the Lord and giver of life! How his wounds blacken! His body writhes, his heart heaves with pity and with agony! Oh, Almighty sufferer, look down, look down from thy triumphant infamy! Lo, he inclines his head to his sacred bosom! Hark, he groans; see, he expires! The earth trembles, the rocks burst, the dead arise; which are the quick? which are the dead? Sure nature, all nature is departing with her Creator. *Sir Richard Steele.*	Alphonso X. (*of Castile*), 1284. *Seville.*
		Nicholas IV. (Pope), 1292.
		Frederick II. (*of Denmark*), 1588.
		Mildred Coke, Lady Burghley, 1589.
		Charles de l'Ecluse, 1609. d. *Leyden.*
		Sir Robert Naunton, 1634.
		Simon Episcopius, 1643. d. *Amsterdam.*
		And. Rivinus, 1656. d. *Leipsic.*
		Dean (Knightly) Chetwood, 1720.
		Rt. Ainsworth, 1743. *Poplar.*
		Michael Lomonozof, 1764.
		Dr. J. Taylor, 1766. *St. Paul's.*
		James Parsons, 1770. *Hendon.*
		Oliver Goldsmith, 1774. *Temple.*
		John Swinton, 1777. *Oxford.*
		J. Ardesoif, 1789. d. *Tottenham.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.*	Lloyd (Lord) Kenyon, 1802. d. *Bath.*
	St. Isidore, *Bp. of Seville*, d. 636.	Andrew Massena, Duke of Rivoli, 1817. d. *Ruel.*
	St. Plato, *of Constantinople*, Abbot, 813.	

Distrust all those who love you extremely upon a very slight acquaintance, and without any visible reason. *Chesterfield.*

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IV. APRIL.

'Cause I am poor, deform'd, and ignorant,
And like a bow buckled and bent together,
By some more strong in mischiefs than myself,
Must I for that be made a common sink
For all the filth and rubbish of men's tongues
To fall and run into?—They call me witch.—*Ford.*

Acts.

THE MEGALESIA were the Roman *great* games instituted in memory of *Magna* Rhea, the Phrygian Cybele, mother of Hammon Jupiter, or *Noema*, as she is called in sacred history,—which continued for six days. —*See* 12*th April*. By the sumptuary law of Fannius, B. C. 161, it was decreed that no person should expend at the great festivals for one day more than one hundred *asses*. The value of an *as* was three farthings.

Sir John de Courcy, Earl of Ulster, whilst performing penance barefoot in the churchyard of Downpatrick (Good Friday, 1203), is seized by the retainers of Hugh de Lacy; and a skirmish ensuing, two of the sons of Sir Amory Tristram, Baron of Howth, were slain. It was *this* Earl of Ulster that obtained from King John the privilege for his successors (Barons of Kingsale) to remain covered in the presence of royalty.

Drake, the navigator, is knighted on board of his famous ship the *Pelican*, at Deptford, 1581.

The three Samuels of Warboys, are condemned at Huntingdon, by Mr. Justice Fenner, 1593, for bewitching, with the aid of *nine* familiars, one of whom was called *Pluck*, the children and servants of Mr. Throgmorton. They were executed, and their goods escheating to Sir Thomas Cromwell, as lord of the manor, an annual Lecture was founded upon the subject of *Witchcraft*, to be preached in the presence of the corporation of Huntingdon every Lady-day, by a Doctor or Bachelor of Divinity, of Queen's College, Cambridge.

Howell writes to Sir Thomas Hawke, Westminster, 1636: "I was invited yesternight to a solemn supper, by B. J.; there was good company, excellent cheer, choice wines, and jovial welcome: one thing intervened, which almost spoiled the relish of the rest, that *Ben* began to ingross all the discourse, to vapour extremely of himself, and, by villifying others, to magnify his own muse. T. C. buzzed me in the ear, that though *Ben* had barrelled up a great deal of knowledge, yet it seems he had not read the ethics, which forbid self-commendation. For my part, I am content to dispense with this *Roman* infirmity now that time hath snowed upon his pericranium."

Language most shows a man: Speak, that I may see thee.—*Jonson.*

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V. APRIL.

The first that broke silence was good old Ben,
Prepar'd before with Canary wine,
And he told them plainly he deserv'd the bays,
For his were call'd works, where others were but plays.

Session of the Poets.

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Non. 5.	Plato, B.C. 428, *Isle of Ægina.* *Saint* Patrick, A. D. 373, *Kilpatrick, in Scotland.* Dominic *de Guzman*, 1170, *Calaroga.* Tho. Hobbes, 1588, *Malmsbury.* Nicholas Perrot, 1606, *Chalons sur Marne.* Vincentio Viviani, 1622, *Florence.* Dr. Edmund Calamy, 1671, *Aldermanbury.* Catharine I. (*of Russia*), 1689, *Ringen.* ——— Of all wild animals a tyrant is the most mischievous, and of all tame ones a flatterer.—*Bias.* ——— **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Tigernach, *Bp. in Ireland*, 550. St. Becan, *Abbot in Ireland*, 6th Century. St. Gerald, *Abbot of Seauve*, d. 1095. St. Vincent Ferrer, *of Spain*, d. 1419.	Plato, B.C. 347. *Athens.* John Stow, 1605. *St. Mary-axe.* Archbishop (Adam) Lofthouse, 1605. Edmund Albertino, 1652. William Lord Brouncker, 1684. *St. Catherine's.* Dr. Benjamin Ibbot, 1725. *Abbey.* Dr. William Derham, 1735. *Upminster.* Sir Thomas Hanmer, 1746. Joseph Alaleona, 1749. died, *Padua.* J. F. Baron de Bielfield, 1770. *Altembourg.* Francis Rivard, 1778. d. *Paris.* Alexis Hubert Jaillot, 1780. George Danton, *guillotined*, 1794. Francis Chabot, *guillotined*, 1794. Claude Bazire, *guillotined*, 1794. Wm. Gilpin, 1804. d. *Boldre.* Robert Raikes, 1811. d. *Gloucester.*

The wise man finds no rest in perishable things.—*Michael Angelo.*

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V. APRIL.

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.---*Sacred History.*

Acts.

EASTER DAY. The high and universal Christian Festival of *Easter* in commemoration of CHRIST'S RESURRECTION. The French nation computed their year from *Easter Day* until 1564.

The ark *rests* upon Mount Ararat, in Armenia, midway between the southern extremities of the Euxine and Caspian seas, B. C. 2348; an anniversary which was the foundation, among the idolatrous families, of all the superstitions that have defaced the *Genesis*. It is the fourteenth day from the Equinox, and corresponds with the Jews' *Passover*; but both these festivals, the former general, the latter national, are now drowned in the comprehensiveness and purity of the Christian faith. The event which restored to the patriarchs the blessings of light, warmth, and ultimately vegetation, took place at the end of exactly five months (one hundred and fifty days) from the commencement of the deluge, and one hundred and ten days after the waters had ceased to flow; so that the terrours of the flood continued for *forty days*, which, for the reason already noticed (*Ash Wednesday*), were solemnly remembered by the children of Shem at the *close* of the year, thus connecting the *Creator* with the *Preserver* of the world, as our Spring fast and Easter festival commemorate its glorious *Redemption* from primitive sin, and the gross bondages of idolatry and folly in the person of the Son of God.

The year of Plato's birth records the death of Anaxagoras the great philosopher of Lampsacus, and preceptor of Euripides and Socrates. Being asked by the magistrates whether he desired any commemoration of himself: "Yes," he replied, "let the boys be permitted to play upon the anniversary of my death." This holiday called *Anaxagoreia* was observed for more than six hundred years.

The treaty of subjection to the Saracens is signed by *Theodemir*, Prince of Murcia and Carthagena, A. D. 713.—The Jews crucify eighteen English Christians (Good Friday), 1230; for which crime four of them are punished by *fine*, and the rest were *banished*.—Milton's Masque of *Comus* is performed at Drury Lane Theatre, 1750, for the benefit of Elizabeth Foster, his grandaughter, and the last descendant of our divine poet. Johnson wrote a prologue spoken by Garrick.

Truth will be uppermost, one time or other, like cork, though kept down in the water. *Sir William Temple.*

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VI. APRIL.

He was so pious that he undertook nothing without asking counsel of the gods; so just, that he never did the smallest injury to any one, but rendered essential services to many; so temperate, that he never preferred pleasure to virtue; and so wise, that he was able, even in the most difficult cases, to judge, without advice, of what was right and expedient. *Xenophon.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VIII. Id. 6.	Socrates, B. C. 468, *Alopecea, in Attica.* Andrew Dacier, A. D. 1651, *Castres.* Archbishop (Edward) Synge, 1659, *Inishonane.* Jo. Bap. Rousseau, 1669, *Paris.* Socrates acts wickedly, and with criminal curiosity investigates things under the earth, and in the heavens. He also makes the worse to be the better argument, and he teaches these things to others.—*Accusation.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Sixtus 1st. (or Xixtus) Pope, *Martyr*, 2nd Century. The 120 Martyrs *of Hadiabena, in Persia*, d. *Seleucia*, 345. St. Celestine, Pope, 432. St. Prudentius, *Bishop of Troyes*, d. 861. St. Celsus (or Ceallach), *Abp. of Armagh* (kept on the seventh), 1129. St. William, *Abbot of Eskille*, d. 1203.	Richard I. (*of England*), 1199. *Fontevraud.* St. Peter, *of Verona*, 1252. Laura *de Neves*, 1348. *Avignon.* Albert Durer, 1528. *St. John's, Nuremburg.* Sir Francis Walsingham, 1590. *St. Paul's.* Laird of Johnstone, *murdered*, 1608. William Burton, 1645. *Hanbury.* David Blondel, 1655. d. *Amsterdam.* Arthur Annesley, Earl of Anglesey, 1686. d. *Drury-lane.* Dr. Ricd. Busby, 1695. *Abbey.* Js. Perizonius, 1717. d. *Leyden.* Denis de Sainte-Marthe, 1725. William Melmoth, *the Elder*, 1743. *Lincoln's Inn.* Frederic (*of Sweden*), 1751. Dr. Richard Rawlinson, 1755. d. *Islington.* Sir William Hamilton, 1803. Colonel Montgomery, 1803. *killed, Chalk Farm.* Chs. Pichegru, *strangled*, 1804. Sir Richard Musgrave, 1818.

O Greeks, ye have killed the wisest, sweetest songstress of the muses, who injured no one,—the best of the Greeks. *Euripides.*

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VI. APRIL.

A dragon's fiery form bely'd the god;
Sublime on radiant spires he rode,
When he to fair Olympia press'd,
And while he sought her snowy breast;
Then, round her slender waist he curl'd,
And stamp'd an image of himself, a sovereign of the world.

Dryden.

Acts.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT. The death of this famous hero took place at Babylon upon the sixth day of the Athenian month *Thargelion*, which then corresponded with the twenty-eighth of the Macedonian month *Dæsius*, B. C. 323. He lived thirty-two years and ten months; and reigned (computing from the *Olympiad*, six months prior to the death of Philip) twelve years and ten months: a brief career of extraordinary, but profitless glory.—*See 12th November*. In this year Epicurus, then a youth of eighteen, came from Samos to Athens. Demosthenes died in the following year, when his rival, Hyperides, was put to death by the command of Antipater.

The death of Richard *Cœur de Lion*, 1199. There was an interregnum until the *coronation* of King John, which was solemnized on Ascension-day, the 27th of May following. It should also be noted, that the years of the reign of this prince are computed from one Ascension-day to another, and that, as it is a *movable* feast, they varied in their duration.

The beauty of Laura was cut off by the *plague*, the day when Petrarch first beheld it, in 1327. Let no unlucky pointster jingle with those events which are hallowed by genius and virtue!

Mohammed II. opens the siege of Constantinople, which terminated with the overthrow of the Christian Empire, 1453.

An earthquake is felt in London, and other parts of the island, six of the evening, Easter Wednesday, 1580. The jester, Tarleton, wrote 'A Short Discourse' upon it, and there is a pretty allusion to the same shock in '*Romeo and Juliet*.'

Napoleon writes to his mistress from Albenga, 1796: "What is the future? What is the past? What are we? Is it astonishing, that priests, astrologers, and quacks have profited by this singular circumstance, to take the direction of our opinions, and to direct them in conformity to their own passions?—Chauvet is dead. But his soul is in the air; it will be propitious to my destiny."—Generous day-dreams!

Easter Monday; when the first fair at Lyons begins, and continues for twenty days. Handel's last Oratorio, at which he is present, 1759.

Ambition is the stamp impress'd by heaven to mark the noblest minds.—*Irene.*

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VII. APRIL.

Soon as the evening shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth:
Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.—*Addison.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VII. Id. 7.	St. Francis Xavier, 1506, *Xavier Castle, Pyrenees.* Lewis de Dieu, 1590, *Flushing.* Dr. Hugh Blair, 1718, *Edinburgh.* Michael Adanson, 1727, *Aix in Provence.* Michael Bryan, 1757, *Newcastle.* ——— The breath of flowers is far sweeter in the air (where it comes and goes like the warbling of music) than in the hand. *Bacon.* ——— **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Hegesippus (*a Historian of the Church*), died, 180. St. Aphraates, *Anchoret in Syria*, 4th Century. St. Aibert, *a Recluse of Cambray*, d. c. 1140. Hernan Joseph, *of Cologne*, d. 1226. St. Finan, *of Keann-Ethick, in Ireland.*	Baldwin I. (*of Jerusalem*), 1119. *Mount Calvary.* Wm. Longbeard, 1196. *hanged, Tyburn.* Charles VIII. (*of France*), 1498 d. *Amboise.* Thomas Hunt, 1612. *Stratford upon Avon.* Jerome Bignon, 1656. Sir William Davenant, 1668. *Abbey.* Francis Porter, 1702. d. *Rome.* Christopher Codrington, 1710. *Oxford.* Richard Simon, 1712. died, *Dieppe.* Dr. Robt. Jenkin, 1727. *Holme.* Julius Bate, 1771. d. *Arundel.* Charles Peter Colardeau, 1776. d. *Paris.* Dr. Robert Watson, 1780. Peter Camper, 1789. *Leyden.* William Mason, 1797. Joseph Jerome de Lalande, 1807. G. Saverio Poli, 1825. died, *Naples.*

Persuade a man that he is a beggar, and a vagabond, and you shall instantly see him change his manners.—*Beattie.*

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VII. APRIL.

With his wain gold-yburned, bright and fair,
That enchases the mists of our cloudy air.---*Lydgate.*

Acts.

THE THARGELIA were Athenian festivals celebrated on the seventh of Thargelion, in honour of *Apollo* and *Diana*. The first fruits were then carried about in pots (*thargeloi*), and the city was *purified* from disease and calamity, by means of certain superstitious ceremonies performed by one of each of the sexes. At this festival the Athenians enrolled their adopted sons in the public register, as at the *Apaturia* they did their natural children. It agrees with the seventh day of the Delphic month *Busios*, which was called Apollo's birth-day because he was then very talkative and oracular to a numerous auditory, who ate his cates and paid for them. The Delphian god, says Eusebius, delivered to Augustus an oracle in heroic verse, concerning the coming of Christ. The twins of Latona have their births recorded in the *Roman* calendar upon this day.

The temple of the Jews was dedicated on the seventh day of *Jiar*, when the Asmoneans consecrated it again, after the Greek persecutions.

The death of Plato took place upon his birth-day, the *seventh* Thargelion, corresponding with the *fifth* April in the Roman calendar.

The Code of Justinian is completed in less than fourteen months, by the labours of Tribonian and nine associates, A. D. 529.

Henry VI. grants a charter to Sir Edmund de Trafford and Sir Thomas Ashton, for the transmutation of metals, 1446.

Magellan erects the Spanish standard in one of the Philippine Islands, 1521.

The Chapel of St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, is *consecrated* by Bishop Fell, 1682.

The *installation* of Prince George of Denmark, at Windsor, with the Dukes of Somerset and Northumberland, 1684. The South Sea stock is at the *maximum*, and books are opened for subscriptions, 1720. This *bubble burst* at the close of September. Lord Chatham is suddenly attacked by illness and conveyed from the House of Peers, 1778.

The surrender of *Badajos*, to Lord Wellington, 1812.

The best way to keep good acts in memory, is to refresh them with new.
Cato.

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VIII. APRIL.

The queen of Love arose, as from the deep
She sprung in all the melting pomp of charms.
The gazer grows enamour'd, and the stone,
As if exulting in its conquest, smiles.—*Liberty.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VI. Id. 8.	Henry Pleydell, Lord Downe, 1727. You may take sarza to open the liver, steel to open the spleen, flower of sulphur for the lungs, castoreum for the brain: but no receipt openeth the heart but a true friend, to whom you may impart griefs, joys, hopes, suspicions, counsels, and whatsoever lieth upon the heart to oppress it, in a kind of civil shrift or confession.—*Bacon.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Dionysius, *Bishop of Corinth*, 2nd Century. St. Ædesius, *Martyr at Alexandria*, 306. St. Perpetuus, *Bishop of Tours*, c. 491. St. Walter, *Abbot of St. Martin's*, d. 1099. Albert, *Patriarch of Jerusalem*, 1214.	*Bassianus Antoninus* Caracalla, A. D. 217. *assass. Edessa.* John (*of France*), 1364. d. *Savoy Palace.* (St. Denis.) Thos. de Beauchamp, 4th Earl of Warwick, 1401. *Warwick.* Lorenzo de Medicis, 1492. *Florence.* William Earl of Denbigh, 1643. *Monk's Kirby.* Dr. J. North, 1683. *Cambridge.* Dr. Thos. Gale, 1702. *York.* Job Ludolf, 1704. d. *Francfort.* Francis Leopold, Prince Ragotzki, 1735. d. *Rodesto on the Marmora.* Anthony Blackwall, 1750. d. *Market Bosworth.* Peter Sue, 1816. d. *Paris.* What is better than gold? jasper: What is better than jasper? wisdom: and what is better than wisdom? woman: and what is better than a good woman? nothing. *Chaucer.*

Flattery is like an empty tomb, on which friendship is inscribed.---*Diogenes.*

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VIII. APRIL.

Watering the tree which bears his lady's name
With his melodious tears, he gave himself to fame.---*Byron.*

Acts.

A BODY of three hundred Thebans surprise Platæa in the dead of night, and are either destroyed or captured by the inhabitants, B. C. 431.

Julius Cæsar defeats Scipio and Juba, at Thassus, in Africa, 46. His word at Munda was *Venus;* in this battle it was pledged to *Good Fortune.* A veteran of the fifth legion, heavy laden with armour, saith the Commentary, was snatched up by the trunk of an elephant, which whirled him about in the air; but the soldier losing none of his presence of mind, began to cut the proboscis, and at length compelled the beast to relinquish its prey, and retire, with a marvellous noise, to the rest of his companions. The senate instituted plays for three days.

The *descent* of Dante, when he supposes himself to have seen the "*Vision*" he describes in his thirty-fifth year, Good Friday, 1300. The convulsion at the Crucifixion, the poet tells us, sublimely, was felt even in the depths of hell.

The inauguration of *Petrarch,* in the Roman Capitol, with a crown of laurel, as *poet laureate* (Easter Day), 1341. He received by diploma the perpetual privilege of wearing, at his choice, a crown of laurel, ivy, or myrtle, of assuming the poetic habit, and of teaching, disputing, interpreting, and composing, in all places whatsoever, and on all subjects of literature.

Lord Chatham writes to his nephew, 1755: "I rejoice extremely to hear that your father and the girls are not unentertained in their travels: in the mean time, your travels through the paths of literature, arts, and sciences (a road, sometimes set with flowers, and sometimes difficult, laborious, and arduous), are not only infinitely more profitable in future, but at present, upon the whole, infinitely more delightful. My own travels, at present, are none of the pleasantest: I am going through a fit of the gout, with what proper patience I may.—*Avis au lecteur,* my sweet boy: Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Let no excesses lay the foundations of gout, and the rest of Pandora's box; nor any immoralities or vicious courses sow the seeds of a too late and painful repentance. Here ends my sermon, which I trust, you are not fine gentleman enough, or, in plain English, silly fellow enough, to laugh at."

Life is like a play, wherein every man forgetful of himself, is in travail with the expression of another.—*Jonson.*

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IX. APRIL.

Love wont to be schoolmaster of my skill,
And the deviceful matter of my song;
Sweet Love devoid of villainy or ill,
But pure and spotless, as at first he sprung
Out of th' Almighty's bosom, where he rests;
From thence infused into mortal breasts.—*Erato.*—Spenser.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
V. Id. 9.	Tamerlane, 1336, *Kesch, in Bucharia,* Sir James Harris, Earl of Malmesbury, 1746. Fisher Ames, 1758, *Dedham, N. A.*	Edward IV. (*of England*), 1483. *Windsor.* Ralph Rowley, 1604. *buried, Cambridge.* Lord Bacon, 1626. *St. Alban's.* Sam. Sorbiere, 1670. d. *Bonne.* Wm. Earl of Craven, 1697. Lord Lovat, *executed*, 1747. Christian Wolff, 1754. d. *Halle.* Nicholas Hardinge, 1758. William Law, 1761. *King's Cliffe.* Dr. Richard Party, 1780. d. *Market Harborough.* Nicholas Sylvester Bergier, 1790. d. *Paris.* James Necker, 1804. d. *Copet.* John Opie, 1807. *St. Paul's.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Eupsychius, *Martyr at Cæsarea, in Cappadocia*, 4th Century.
The Roman Captives, *Martyrs in Persia*, 362.
St. Mary *of Egypt*, d. 421.
The Massyletan Martyrs, *in Africa.*
St. Dotto, *Abbot of Orkney*, 6th Century.
St. Waltrude (or Vautrude, *commonly* Vautru), *Widow*, titular patroness of Mons, and all Hainault, d. 686.
St. Gaucher (or Gautier), *Abbot in Limousin*, d. 1130.

It was prettily devised by Æsop; the fly sat upon the axle-tree of the chariot wheel, and said, "what a dust do I raise!" So are there some vain persons that whatsoever moveth upon greater means, if they have never so little a hand in it, they think it is they that carry it. *Bacon.*

We may, not unprofitably, my friends, devote a few of our spare moments to the thrice three Misses of Helicon, that follow in the train of Apollo.—*Discourses.*

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IX. APRIL.

The buskin'd muse; the comick queen; the grand
And louder tone of Clio; nimble hand
And nimbler foot of the melodious pair;
The silver-voic'd lady; the most fair
Calliope; she whose speaking silence daunts;
And she whose praise the heavenly body chants.—*Chapman.*

Acts.

THE CEREALIA now commonly began at Rome, and continued for eight days. They commemorate the return of the six vegetative months, like the *Cloeia* of the Greeks, held about the same day. There were horse-races in the *Circus Maximus* (a work of the first Tarquin), and plays within the Theatre. The nocturnal rites were celebrated by the *women* whose chastity was figured in their white garments. It was during the Cerealia that the circuit of the fields, called the *Ambarvalia*, took place, a rustic and superstitious ceremony which occurred again about the time of harvest. The *games* also were repeated upon the nineteenth day of this month:—they very much resembled the modern *Newmarket*.

King Henry V. (an ever cherished name) is inaugurated, 1413.

Sir Richard Grenville embarks at Plymouth with seven sail; the largest vessel was named the *Tiger*, of one hundred and forty tons. Upon the 24th of June, 1585, they landed at Virginia; and, after leaving a colony of one hundred and eight men (one of whom was Thomas Heryot) in the island *Roanoack*, returned to England.

A truce is signed at Antwerp for twelve years, by the mediation of Great Britain and France, between Spain and the Provinces, 1609.

Howell addresses Dr. Prichard, about this time, 1626: "My Lord Chancellor Bacon died so poor that he scarce left money to bury him. The fairest diamond may have a flaw in it; but I believe he died poor out of a contempt of the pelf of fortune, as also from an excess of generosity. He wrote a pitiful letter to the King not long before his death, and concludes: 'Help me, dear Sovereign Lord and Master, and pity me so far, that I who desire to live to study, may not be driven to study to live.'"

The nine *Muses* were fabled the daughters of Memory, whom she bore at a birth to Olympian Jupiter, attended by Love and the Graces. This month was consecrated by the Romans to *Erato*, the muse of nuptial song and amorous affairs. She is represented with a lyre in her right hand and a lute in her left, and *laureated* with the rose and the myrtle.

This school of ours I own is idle: but what *can* you do? According to the man must be the lesson. *Terence.*

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X. APRIL.

Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,
Featur'd like him, like him with friends possess'd,
Desiring this man's art, and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contented least;
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,
Haply I think on thee,---and then my state
(Like to the lark at break of day arising
From sullen earth) sings hymns at heaven's gate.---*Shakspeare.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
IV. Id. 10.	Hugo Grotius, 1583, *Delft.* Sir John Pringle, 1707, *Stichel, in Roxburghshire.* Toussaint Bordenave, 1728, *Paris.* Hortense Beauharnois, Duchess of St. Leu (*Ex-Queen of Holland*), 1783.]	St. James the Less, (*Apostle*), A. D. 62. Louis II. (*of France*), 879. d. *Compiegne.* Hugo Libergier, 1265. *St. Nicaise, Rheims.* Thomas Grey, Marquess of Dorset, 1501. Thomas Glover, 1588. Gabrielle *d'Estrées*, 1599. William, Earl of Pembroke, 1630. d. *Baynard's Castle.* (Salisbury.) Thomas Cawton, 1677. *Westminster.* Andrew Morel, 1703. d. *Arnstadt.* Charles Witasse, 1716. d. *Paris.* Robert Woodcock, 1728. Francis Prince Eugene (*of Savoy*), 1736. d. *Vienna.* Wm. Cheselden, 1752. *Chelsea.* *Dom.* Joseph Vaissette, 1756. d. *St. Germain des Prez.* John Saas, 1774. d. *Rouen.* Admiral John Byron, 1786. Joseph Louis Lagrange, 1813. *Paris.*

I tremble with the apprehension, that, though I have from my very childhood loved you, dark as you were, and though you had conceived so strong a love for me, yet, you will find there is such a thing as beauty, which may ensnare you into a thousand passions of which you now are innocent, and take you from me for ever.—*Blind Love.*—Steele.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Bademus, *Abbot in Persia*, Martyr, 376.

Mechtildes, *V. Abbess in Bavaria*, 14th Century.

If you are handsome do handsome things; if not, supply the deficiencies of nature by your virtues.---*Bias.*

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X. APRIL.

What voice is this, I prithee mark,
With so much music in it?
Too sweet methinks to be a lark,
Too loud to be a linnet.---*Earl of Pembroke.*

Arts.

THE tenth of *Jiar* was a fast with the Jews for the death of their High Priest, *Eli*, and for the taking of the ark by the Philistines.

The death of William, Earl of Pembroke, requires a particular memorial, for he was the son of the illustrious *Mary Sidney*, and united in himself the exquisite virtues of his mother with the manners, accomplishments, and character of a *true* English Gentleman; beloved by every good man, and by all the muses of the age in which he flourished, and especially, because gratefully (as it is ever between fine minds), by the glory of the English stage. In the dedication, by the players, of their first folio to this nobleman and his younger brother (the foil of courtesy and the blot of history), *Philip* Earl of Montgomery, 1623: "Since your lordships have been pleased to think these trifles something, heretofore," say these fellow-labourers in the art of pleasing, "and have prosecuted both them and their author, living, with so much favour, we hope that you will use the like indulgence toward them you have done unto their parent. There is a great difference, whether any book choose his patrons or find them: this hath done both; for so much were your lordships likings of the several parts, when they were acted, as before they were published the volume asked to be yours. We have but collected them, and done an office to the dead to procure his orphans guardians, without ambition either of self-profit or fame: only to keep the memory of so worthy a friend and fellow alive, as was our *Shakspeare*." In the Spring of 1598, Lord William Herbert left Wilton, to mingle with the gaieties of the court and capital; but like the antipathies of Jaques, they were not cogenial; and although courted and noticed by all whom he could desire to please, still he was considered, by the wild and envious, *a melancholy young man*. "He lived," saith Clarendon, "many years *about* the court before in it, and never by it."

The terms of peace offered by the Rajah of Bhurtpore are *acceded* to by the East India Company, and signed the 24th of December following, 1805.—The *ministry* of Mr. Canning began, on the vigil of his birthday, and continued until his death in August, the same year, 1827.

Love is a sort of friendship; and is either honest, that is, printed only on a virtuous mind; or dishonest, that is, aiming only at corporal brutal pleasures.
Plato.

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XI. APRIL.

And shall not his memory to Britain be dear,
Whose example with envy all nations behold;
A statesman unbiassed by int'rest or fear,
By power uncorrupted, untainted by gold.

Canning's Lines on Pitt.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Id. 11.	Marc Antony Muretus, 1526, *Muret, near Limoges.* Christopher Smart, 1722, *Shipbourne.* John Marshal Lannes, 1769, *Lectoure.* George Canning, 1770, *London.*	Cardinal Henry Beaufort, 1447. *Winchester.* Gast. de Foix, 1512. *k. Ravenna.* Gregory XIII. (Pope), 1585. Philip Hecquet, 1737. *Paris.* James, Earl Waldegrave, 1741. Villeneuve de Brancas, 1758. G. Canning, 1771. *Marylebone.* Stanislaus Poniatowsky (*of Poland*), 1798. d. *Petersburg.* A. de Rivarol, 1801. d. *Berlin.*

Horsemen on wide downs are often closely attended by a little party of swallows for miles together, which plays before and behind them, sweeping around, and collecting all the skulking insects that are roused by the trampling of the horses' feet.—*White of Selborne.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Antipas, *a primitive Martyr at Pergamus.*—See Rev. ii. 13.
St. Leo the Great, Pope, (*translation*), d. 461.
St. Maccai, *Abbot in Scotland*, c. 5th Century.
St. Guthlake, *Patron of Croyland Abbey*, d. 714.
St. Aid, *Abbot in Ireland.*

The house, or chimney [pensile] swallow, is the first comer of all the British hirundines; and appears in general on or about the 13th of April, as I have remarked from many years' observation. Not but now and then a straggler is seen much earlier: and, in particular, when I was a boy, I observed a swallow, for a whole day together, on one sunny warm Shrove Tuesday.—This little bird begins to form her nest, five, six, or more feet down the chimney, about the middle of May.

A man of merit, holding different political principles, is like an object seen in two different mediums, that appears crooked or broken, however straight and entire it may be in itself.—*Addison.*

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XI. APRIL.

Annual for me, the grape, the rose, renew
The juice nectarious, and the balmy dew;
For me, the mine a thousand treasures brings;
For me health gushes from a thousand springs;
Seas roll to waft me, suns to light me rise;
My foot-stool earth, my canopy the skies.---*Essay on Man.*

Acts.

THE trial of Milo for the murder of Clodius in the consulship of Pompey, B. C. 52. All the unwashed industry of the city was crammed within the Forum upon that momentous day; but neither Cato's candid ballot, nor the splendid labours of Tully were sufficient to save the *tyrant-killer*, so that he was banished to Marseilles, and his estate confiscated. This same day, B. C. 44, we find Marc Antony in the Senate recording a decree of Julius Cæsar on behalf of the *Jews*, made four and thirty days only before his assassination. The decree is addressed to the Senate of Paros, who had forbidden the Delian Jews to worship in the manner of their forefathers: "Now it does not please us," says the Dictator, "that such laws should be made against our friends and confederates; for even in that decree wherein we forbid other Bacchanal revellers to meet in the city of Rome, the Jews alone were permitted to bring in their contributions and assemble at their common suppers." In B. C. 33, Cicero writes to Cneius Plancus, then in Gaul, "Despise the false splendour of all those empty honours that are short-lived and transitory; true glory is founded upon virtue alone, which is never so illustriously distinguished as when it displays itself by important services to our country." This Plancus was the founder of the city of *Lyons*, most probably in the present year.

The battle of Ravenna, 1512. King William and Mary are inaugurated, 1689. Pope acknowledges Warburton's explication and defence of his Essay on Man, 1732. A treaty is signed between Great Britain and Russia, the basis of the Anti-Gallican Alliance, 1805:—Austria coalesced on the 9th of August following. Napoleon subscribes the treaty of *abdication* at Paris, 1814, the same day that the white banner was advanced by Lord Wellington on the ramparts of Toulouse. The Catholic Bill of privileges passed the House of Peers this morning, 1829.

It is indeed the same system as mine, but illustrated with a ray of your own, as they say our natural body is the same still when it is glorified.

Pope to Warburton.

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XII. APRIL.

Flat faces, such as would disgrace a screen,
Such as in Bantam's embassy were seen;
Unrais'd, unrounded, were the rude delight
Of brutal nations only born to fight.
Long time the sister arts, in iron sleep,
A heavy sabbath did supinely keep:
At length in Raphael's age, at once they rise,
Stretch all their limbs, and open all their eyes.---*Dryden.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Prid. Id. 12.	Matthias Pasor, 1599, *Herborne.* Ed. Bird, 1772, *Wolverhampton.*	Lucius Annæus Seneca, A. D. 65. *Rome.* *Marcus Claudius* Tacitus (Emperor), 276. *assassinated, Tyana upon Sarus.* Archbishop (Henry) Chicheley, 1443. *Canterbury.* J. Marquess of Hamilton, 1604. Francis Guyet, 1655. Thomas Stanley, 1678. *St. Martin's.* John Kettlewell, 1695. *Barking.* James Benignus Bossuet, 1704. *Meaux.* Dr. George Cheyne, 1743. d. *Bath.* Samuel Say, 1743. died, *St. James's.* William Kent, 1748. d. *Burlington House.* (Chiswick.) Francis Bellenger, 1749. d. *Paris.* Dr. Edward Young, 1765. *Welwyn.* Elias de Crebillon, 1777. *Paris.* Peter Metastasio, 1782. *Vienna.* Joseph Raulin, 1784. d. *Paris.* Joseph Dacre Carlyle, 1804. d. *Newcastle.*

Democharès, one of the ambassadors to Philip, told him, in reply to the compliment *What is there, gentlemen, that I can do to oblige the Athenians*, that "they would take it for a great obligation if he would be pleased to hang himself." Philip restrained the indignation of the by-standers by this memorable observation to the rest of the ambassadors, *Pray tell the Athenians that it is worse to speak such things than to hear and forgive them.* Seneca.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Victor *of Braga*, c. 303.
St. Julius, Pope, d. 352.
St. Sabas, the Goth, *Martyr*, 372.
St. Zeno, *Bishop of Verona*, d. 380.

A false and a childish sorrow is appeased with as false and as childish a revenge. *Seneca.*

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XII. APRIL.

Forth came Mother Cybele; alone,
In sombre chariot: dark foldings thrown
About her majesty; with turrets crown'd.
Four maned lions hale the sluggish wheels.—*Keats.*

Acts.

CYBELE. The day when the shrine of this potent divinity was received at Rome from Pessinus in Phrygia, and deposited within the Temple of Victory, B. C. 205, Scipio *Africanus* and Crassus *Dives*, consuls. It was in pursuance of an oracle in the Sybilline books, which affirmed, "That if a foreign enemy invaded Italy (meaning the Carthaginians), they might be vanquished by introducing the goddess Cybele into the Capitol." Ovid is very diffuse respecting the Megalesian rites, which consisted chiefly of noise, feasting, and a general freedom from restraint.

The siege of Constantinople by the French and Venetian crusaders, 1204. In the pillage which followed the conquest of this superb city, all the admirable monuments of Grecian genius were demolished. Among these, says Nicetas, was a colossal *Hercules*, by the master Lysippus, "of such magnitude that his thumb was equal to the waist, his leg to the stature of a common man; his chest ample, his shoulders broad, his limbs strong and muscular, his hair curled, his aspect commanding. Without his bow, or quiver, or club, his lion's skin carelessly thrown over him, he was seated on an osier basket, his right leg and arm stretched to the utmost, his left knee bent and supporting his elbow, his head reclining on his left hand, his countenance indignant and pensive." Hercules was one of the few immortals of Pagan antiquity who might have commanded the *esteem* of these western *iconoclasts*.

Francis Alvares arrives at the Court of David, the Abyssinian king, 1520. Admiral Rodney defeats the French fleet, commanded by the Count de Grasse, off Dominica, in the Western Indies, 1782. The French fleet in Basque Roads is destroyed by Lord Cochrane, 1809.

LOW SUNDAY. The Octave or first Sunday after Easter Day, which closes our holy Christian festival.

Man surely has some latent sense, for which this place affords no gratification; or he has some desires, distinct from sense, which must be satisfied before he can be happy. *Rasselas.*

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XIII. APRIL.

Tell me, on what holy ground
May domestic Peace be found?
From the pomp of sceptered state,
From the rebel's noisy hate,
In a cottaged vale she dwells
Listening to the Sabbath bells!—*Coleridge.*

Day	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Idus. 13.	Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, 1593, *Chancery Lane.* John Peter de Crousaz, 1663, *Lausanne.* Paul Frisi, 1727, *Milan.* Frederick North, Earl of Guildford, 1732. Philip Louis, Duke of Orleans, 1747, *St. Cloud.* Joseph Bramah, 1749, *Stainborough.* Dr. Thomas Beddoes, 1760, *Shiffnal.* Gouvion St. Cyr, 1764, *Toul.* To study in old age is as ridiculous as to attempt finding the nature of a straight in a crooked line; or to expect to see one's face in muddy water. *Lycon.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Hermenegild, *Martyr*, d. (*Easter Eve*), 586. St. Guinoch, *Bp. in Scotland*, 838. St. Caradoc, *Hermit of Wales*, d. (*Low Sunday*), 1124.	Henry, Duke of Rohan, 1638. d. *Switzerland.* Bishop (Richard) Montague, 1641. *Norwich.* Dr. John Hinckley, 1691. *Northfield.* Charles Leslie, 1722. d. *Glaslough.* Oliver Reylof, 1742. d. *Ghent.* Christr. Pitt, 1748. *Blandford.* George Frederic Handel, 1759. *Westminster Abbey.* James, 2d Earl of Waldegrave, 1763. Peter Chaumette, *guillotined*, 1794. General (Arthur) Dillon, *guillotined*, 1794. Dr.. Benjamin Rush, 1813. *North America.* Dr. Charles Burney, *the Elder*, 1814. d. *Chelsea Hospital.* Sir Walter Raleigh was wont to say of the ladies of Queen Elizabeth's bed-chamber, *that they were like witches, they could do hurt, but they could do no good.*—Apophthegms.

In some cases it is as necessary there be a time to forget, as in others to learn.
Strafford.

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XIII. APRIL.

In vain do men hope to build their piety on the ruins of loyalty.—*King Charles.*

Acts.

JULIUS CÆSAR finishes, in about six days, his famous wall of entrenchment, sixteen feet in height, and extending seventeen miles in length, from Geneva to St. Claude, B. C. 58.

The Sultan, Selim I. takes the city of Cairo, and thus crushed the power of the Mamalukes, who for more than two hundred and sixty years had swayed the land, 1517.

The treaty of *Cateau Cambresis*, on the Seille, is concluded between Henry II. of France and Philip II. of Spain, 1559.

Henry IV. of France publishes, upon this day, 1598, at *Nantes*, the memorable *Edict* of Toleration, which, in 1685, was *revoked* by Louis XIV.; who, like the false shepherd, regardless of the prosperity of his charge, fleeced the French nation of all its ingenuity and wealth, by an *emigration* that would more than repeople the county of Surrey.

"I went to London," saith Evelyn, in 1640, "to see the solemnity of his majesty's riding through the city in state to the *Short Parliament*, which began on the 13th of April, a very glorious and magnificent sight; the king circled with his royal diadem and the affections of his people. This parliament on the 5th of May was unhappily dissolved."

The Radcliffe library at Oxford, founded under the will of Dr. John Radcliffe, is opened by his trustees with great public ceremony, 1749. Gibbs, the architect, began this, one of the most admired efforts of his skill, on the 16th of June, 1737.

A water-spout fell upon, and nearly destroyed Broomsgrove, 1792.

Lady Montagu to Pope, from Adrianople, 1717, N. S. "I am writing in a house situated on the banks of the *Hebrus*, which runs under my chamber-window. My garden is full of all cypress-trees; upon the branches of which, several couple of true turtles are saying soft things to one another from morning till night. How naturally do *boughs* and *vows* come into my mind at this minute; and must not you confess, to my praise, that 'tis more than an ordinary discretion, that can resist the wicked suggestions of poetry, in a place where truth, for once, furnishes all the ideas of pastoral?"

Feathers and dust, to-day and yesterday.—*Donne.*

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XIV. APRIL.

Come then, all rail'ry laid aside,
Let this their day serenely glide;
With mine thy serious aim unite,
And both some cheerful guests invite,
That not one minute's running sand
May find their pleasures at a stand.—*The Wedding-Day.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVIII. Cal. Maiæ. 14.	Christian Huygens, 1629, *Hague.* Leonard Euler, 1707, *Basle.* Thomas Hollis, 1720, *London.* Henry le Kain, 1728, *Paris.* William Henry, Duke of Portland, 1738. Dr. Geo. Gregory, 1754. *Dublin.* I will tell you the property of a lion: when the lioness hath done him any displeasure, he will not turn to her all that day, nor that night, and in such wise he shows his lordship. *Knight of the Tower.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Tiburtius, Valerian, and Maximus, *Martyrs*, 229. Sts. Carpus, *Bishop of Thyatira*, Papylus, and Agathodorus, *Martyrs*, 251. St. Benezet (or Little Bennet), *Patron of Avignon*, d. 1184. Sts. Antony, John, and Eustachius, *Martyrs at Vilna*, c. 1342. Lidwina (or Lydwid), *Virgin of Holland*, 1433.	Harold *Harefoot* (of England), 1040. *Westminster.* Richard Nevill, Earl of Warwick, 1471. *killed, Barnet.* (Bilsam Abbey.) John Nevill, Marquess Montagu, 1471. *killed, Barnet.* William Fiennes, Lord Say and Sele, 1662. *Broughton.* Thomas Otway, 1685. *St. Clement Danes.* John Temple, 1689. *drowned, Thames.* Louis (the Dauphin), 1711. d. *Meudon.* Bishop (Thomas) Rundle, 1743. d. *Dublin.* Louis Silvester, 1760. d. *Paris.* John Gilbert Cooper, 1769. Michael Dandre-Bardon, 1783. William Whitehead, 1785. *South Audley Street.* John Baptist Gobel, *guillotined*, 1793. Bishop (Beilby) Porteus, 1809. *Sundridge.*

Why, your dolphin is not lustier.—*All's well that ends well.*

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XIV. APRIL.

By sword and pen! your's was the nobler birth,
For you of man were made, man but of earth.
Why in this work did the creation rest,
But that eternal Providence thought you best
Of all his six days' labour? Beasts should do
Homage to man, but man should wait on you.---*Randolph.*

Acts.

A NAVAL engagement took place upon this day, 1293, in the middle of the Channel, between the French and English, by mutual agreement, with the whole of their respective forces. The victor, Edward I. carried off more than two hundred and fifty sail of his opponent, Philip the Fair.

The mariners of Portsmouth and the Cinque Ports capture the Norman fleet of two hundred ships off Brittany, and massacre the crews, 1293.

The first Warden and Fellows on this day, 1386, make their public entry into *New College*, Oxford, founded by William of Wykeham.

The battle of Barnet, on the confines of Hertford and Middlesex, remarkable for the death of Warwick, styled the *king-maker*, Easter Sunday, 1471. Queen Margaret, on the same day that her unworthy lord was taken prisoner at Barnet, lands at Plymouth with a body of French auxiliaries, which recalled Edward once again from his brief repose at London, to the still more fortunate field of *Tewkesbury*. The *Olive Blossom*, Captain Cataline, sails from Woolwich with colonists and stores for the settlement on the River Wiapogo in Guiana. They were obliged to touch at *Barbadoes*, and finding it without inhabitants, the crew took possession of the country, by erecting a cross upon the spot where *James Town* was afterwards built, with this inscription, "James King of England and this Island!" but they only stayed to refresh themselves, and proceeded to the Island of *St. Lucie*, where they left a short-lived colony on the 23d of August, 1605.

The Allies are defeated at *Almanza*, by the French and Spaniards, under the Duke of Berwick, 1707.

The cuckoo is supposed to be first heard upon this day, dedicated in the Roman calendar to *Liberty*.

Admit not that restless idle passion curiosity; but manage discreetly your own affairs. *Æsop.*

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XV. APRIL.

For that old man of pleasing words had store,
And well could file his tongue as smooth as glass;
He told of Saints and Popes, and evermore
He strow'd an Ave-Mary after and before.—*Spenser.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVII. Cal. 15.	Aulus Albius Tibullus, B. C. 63, *Rome.* Claude Saumaise, A. D. 1588, *Semur.* Dr. Samuel Woodford, 1636, *London.* John, Earl of Portsmouth, 1690. A. G. M. de Querlon, 1702, *Nantes.* Wm. Aug. Duke of Cumberland, 1721, *Leicester House.* Felix Fontana, 1730, *Pomarolo.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Basilissa and Anastasia (Disciples of St. Peter and St. Paul), *Martyrs*, 1st Cent. St. Paternus (Patier, Pair, or Foix), *Bishop of Avranches*, d. c. 550. St. Ruadhan, *called* one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland, *Abbot*, d. 584. St. Munde, *Abbot in Scotland*, d. 962. St. Peter Gonzales, *commonly called* St. Telm, or Elmo, *Patron of mariners*, d. 1246.	Godwin (Earl of Kent), 1053. *Winchester.* E. Chrysoloras, 1415. *Constance.* Charles Somerset, Earl of Worcester, 1526. Bp. (Wm.) Alley, 1570. *Exeter.* Dr. Richard Mulcaster, 1611. d. *Stamford-Rivers.* George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, 1632. *St. Dunstan's.* Gerald Grace (the Traveller), 1642. *killed, Kilrush.* John Daille, 1670. d. *Paris.* Charles XI. (*of Sweden*), 1697. Frances, Madame de Maintenon, 1719. d. *St. Cyr.* Luke Milbourne, 1720. d. *London.* Js. Cawthorn, 1761. d. *Tunbridge.* Wm. Oldys, 1761. *Paul's Wharf.* Jane de Pompadour, 1764. Dr. Rob. Whytt, 1766. d. *Edingb.* Js. Granger, 1776. d. *Shiplake.* Dr. Tho. Wilson, 1784. *Walbrook.* Mary Delany, 1788. d. *Windsor.* Philibert de Blanchelande, *executed*, 1793. Dr. Alexander Murray, 1813. John Bell, 1820. d. *Rome.* James Bartleman, 1821. *Abbey.*

False philosophy is covered over with opinion, like those whose bodies are burnt by the sun. *Plato.*

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XV. APRIL.

If all soils are alike to the brave and virtuous, so may all churches and modes of worship; that is, all will be equally neglected and violated. Instead of every soil being his country, he will have no one for his country; he will be the forlorn outcast of mankind. *Chatham, in diè.*

Arts.

The fifteenth of *Jiar* the Israelites arrive at the wilderness of Sin; just one month after their departure from Rameses, B. C. 1491.

The first battle of Mutina, the present *Modena*, in which Marc Antony is repulsed by the two consuls, Hirtius and Pansa, assisted by Octavius Cæsar, B. C. 43. Pansa died of the wounds received in this conflict, and his coadjutor was slain after he had achieved a second and more decisive victory.—*See* 23*rd April*. Religious sacrifices, called *Fordicidia*, because a gravid cow was offered in every ward to the goddess Tellus, were instituted by Numa, and solemnly observed upon this day.

Fitz-Simeon, and Hugh the Illuminator, two friars of Dublin, commenced their pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre, 1322. Sir John Mandeville began his travels in the same year.

Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, espouses Mary the Queen Dowager of France, sister to Harry VIII. and grandmother, by this Duke, of the unfortunate Lady Jane Grey, 1515.

The Princess Mary addresses the following note upon this day, to whom does not appear: "My very good Lord, because my trust is, your goodness will not be weary, though I do daily molest you with my continual suits, I shall most heartily desire the same to have in remembrance my earnest suit made unto you for Mistress Coke, my mother's old servant, touching the farm of Risbridge, belonging to the New College in Oxford, the warden whereof hath neither used you nor me (as I think) gently therein; and therefore, as my sheet-anchor next the King's Majesty, I recommend it wholly unto you; and even so beseech our Lord to send you no worse to fare than I would myself. At the Court, your loving assured friend during my life."

Sir Edward Howard is defeated off Brest, by the French admiral, 1513. Johnson publishes his great national work, *The English Dictionary*, 1755; the same day that his paper the "*Idler*" appeared, 1758.

The Oxford and Cambridge Easter Terms commence on *Wednesday*, the tenth day from Easter; and end with the week next before Whit Sunday.

The idler is naturally censorious; those who attempt nothing themselves, think every thing easily performed, and consider the unsuccessful always as criminal. *Idler, in diè.*

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XVI. APRIL.

Virtue's unconquerable aid,
That against nature can persuade;
And make a roving mind retire
Within the bounds of just desire;
Cheerer of age, youth's kind unrest,
And half the heaven of the blest.—*Behn on Love.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVI. Cal. 16.	Francis Anthony, 1550, *London.* Sir Hans Sloane, 1660, *Killileagh.* Charles Montague, Earl of Halifax, 1660, *Horton.* John Law, 1671, *Edinburgh.* Peter Mechain, 1744, *Laon.*	Robert Bruce, (the Competitor), 1294. d. *Annandale.* Matthias Corvinus, 1490. Silvester Gigles, Bishop of Worcester, 1521. d. *Rome.* Ferdinando, Lord Strange, *poisoned*, 1594. *Ormskirk.* Aphara Behn, 1689. *Abbey.* Dr. John Edwards, 1716. George Louis, Count de Buffon, 1788. *Montbard.* Dr. George Campbell, 1796. Arthur Young, 1820. *Bradfield Combust.* Henry Fuseli, 1825. d. *Putney Hill.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* Eighteen Martyrs *of Saragossa*; and St. Encratis (or Engratia), *Virgin Martyr*, 304. St. Turibius, *Bishop of Astorga*, c. 460. St. Fructuosus, *Archbishop of Braga*, d. 665. St. Mans (or Magnus), *Bishop of Orkney, Martyr*, 1104. St. Druon (or Drugo), *Patron of shepherds*, d. *Sebourg*, 1186. St. Joachim *of Sienna*, d. 1305.	It is necessary, as it seems to me, that we should pay attention to futurity; since it happens that only the most illiberal and depraved among mankind are not concerned about the opinion of posterity. *Plato.*

Murder most foul, as in the best it is;
But this most foul, strange, and unnatural.—*Hamlet.*

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XVI. APRIL.

The *soul*, secure in her existence, smiles
At the drawn dagger, and defies its point.
The stars shall fade away, the sun himself
Grow dim with age, and nature sink in years;
But thou shalt flourish in immortal youth,
Unhurt amidst the war of elements,
The wreck of matter, and the crush of worlds.—*Cato.*

Acts.

OCTAVIUS CÆSAR enters Rome, and celebrates the grand triple triumph of nine days for his victories in Dalmatia, at Actium, and Alexandria, and shuts the gates of the temple of Janus Quirinus the second time, B. C. 29. This is the anniversary also of his being saluted *Emperor;* or, in other words, the annihilation of the Roman *Commonwealth.* The city at this period was fifty miles in circumference, containing four million souls; and the annual revenue of the state amounted to four hundred millions sterling. It was upon the sixteenth of *Artemisius* (Jiar), under the Procuratorship of Gessius Florus, A. D. 66, that the massacre and crucifixion of the three thousand six hundred Jews took place in Jerusalem, at the same time that Bernice was performing, in the Temple, her thirty days *penance,* for an incestuous commerce with her brother, King Agrippa the Second, an incident that has not escaped the withering verse of Juvenal, the monster-killer of a monstrous age.

The ephemeral pestilence, *sudor Britannicus,* breaks out at Shrewsbury, 1551. It reached the capital on the 7th of July, when the number of the weekly mortality was seven hundred and sixty-one persons. After ravaging all the east and northern parts of England, it stopped suddenly about the close of September.

The equestrian statue of Charles II. is set up, in the Parliament Close at Edinburgh, 1685, at an expense of more than one thousand pounds.

Addison is appointed, by King George I. one of his principal secretaries of state, 1717. If this greatly good man was then unequal to the various and nervous bustle of an office so important, the act of a sovereign, who could distinguish real merit, will, on that account, lose none of its value. The Spectator was now declining; for versatility of genius can adapt itself to any station, the mechanism of which is always to be supplied by industry, as Demosthenes imagined an angry sea his opposition, and from the shore *practised* how to rule a multitude.

The victory of *Culloden,* which terminated the Scottish rebellion, 1746.

Remember that thou art a man!---*Triumphal sentence.*

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XVII. APRIL.

In the worst inn's worst room, with mat half-hung,
The floors of plaster, and the walls of dung,
On once a flock-bed, but repair'd with straw,
With tape-tied curtains, never meant to draw,
The George and Garter dangling from that bed,
Where tawdry yellow strove with dirty red;
There, victor of his health, of fortune, friends,
And fame, this lord of useless thousands ends!—*Pope.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
xv. Cal. 17.	John Ford, 1586, *baptized, Ilsington.* Bishop (Edward) Stillingfleet, 1635, *Cranbourn.* William Molyneux, 1656, *Dublin.* Anthony de Rivarol, 1757, *Bagnols.*	Agapetus (Pope), 536. d. *Constantinople.* Joachim Camerarius, *the Elder,* 1575, d. *Leipsic.* George Villiers, 2nd Duke of Buckingham, 1687. d. *Kirkby Moorside.* (Abbey.) Joseph I. (Emperor) 1711. Bishop (Benjamin) Hoadly, 1761. *Winchester.* Henry Woodward, 1777. Dr. Benjamin Franklin, 1790. d. *Philadelphia.* Dr. Erasmus Darwin, 1802, *Breadsall.*

All birds that have crooked claws, have also a short neck and a broad tongue, and are imitative, as the Indian parrot, which becomes more loquacious when he has tasted wine. The asinine flux, if it descend into the lungs, the beast dies; but confined to the head, it is not mortal.—*Aristotle's Physicks.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Anicetus, Pope, 2d Century.
St. Simeon, *Bishop of Ctesiphon,* and his Companions, *Martyrs in Persia,* 341.
St. Stephen, *of Citeau,* 1134.

We travel to China to obtain clay for porcelain, as if we had none ourselves; stuffs, as if we were destitute of stuffs; and a small herb to be infused in water, as if we had no simples in our own countries. In return for these benefits, we are desirous of converting the Chinese.
Voltaire.

Truth, whether in or out of fashion, is the measure of knowledge, and the business of the understanding. *Locke.*

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XVII. APRIL.

Methinks her patient sons before me stand,
Where the broad ocean leans against the land;
The slow canal, the yellow-blossom'd vale,
The willow-tufted bank, the gliding sail,
The crowded mart, the cultivated plain,
A new creation rescu'd from his reign.—*The Traveller.*

Acts.

The inundation of the rivers at Dort, in Holland, which swept away one hundred thousand persons, and destroyed seventy-two villages, 1421. This city, which is built upon an island, is celebrated for its salmon-fishery. The frost breaks at Paris, that had continued, with a slight intermission, from the first day of January, 1434. Snow fell in Holland for forty days successively during the same winter. In 1537, upon this day, the river Simeto, in Sicily, overflowed its banks, destroying five hundred houses with the neighbouring castles, and all the wood was uprooted by a storm.

The Spanish sovereigns, Ferdinand and Isabella, sign, at *Santa Fé*, their grant to Columbus, 1492, constituting him hereditary Admiral and Viceroy over all the islands and continents he should discover during his expedition, with the benefit of a *tithe* of the profits arising from the merchandise found within his admiralty.

A petition, signed by a *poor man* upon this day, is presented to King James at Theobalds, on his progress from Edinburgh to London, 1603. "Good king, let there be an uniformity in true religion, without any disturbance of papist or puritan. Good king, let there not be such delay and crafty proceedings in the law, and let lawyers have moderate fees. Good king, let no man have more offices than one, especially touching the law. Good king, look to thy takers and officers of thy house, and to their exceeding fees that peel and pole thy princely allowance."

A *prodigious monster* is born at Adlington in Lancaster, this day, 1613, with two bodies joined to one back. It was described by a reverend gentleman in a pamphlet entitled "*Strange News.*"

The western tower of Hereford cathedral fell, 1786. The distribution of prize-money into *eighths* is settled by Government, 1793. The peace of *Leoben* is signed between Buonaparte and the Archduke, 1797. The *Concordat*, or code of religion, is published this day at Paris, 1802.

The Horticultural Society in Regent Street is incorporated, 1808.

Were I in England now, there would this monster make a man; any strange beast there makes a man. I do now let loose my opinion, this is no fish but an Islander.—*Trinculo.*

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XVIII. APRIL.

It shall be fickle, false, and full of fraud;
Bud and be blasted in a breathing-while;
The bottom poison, and the top o'er-straw'd
With sweets, that shall the truest sight beguile:
The strongest body shall it make most weak;
Strike the wise dumb, and teach the fool to speak.
Venus' Prophecy.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIV. Cal. 18.	Sir Francis Baring, 1740.	Archbishop Theobald, (*Abbot of Becco*), 1161. John Leland, 1552. *London.* Lewis Alamanni, 1556. d. *Amboise.* John Fox, 1587. *Cripplegate.* Robert Parsons, 1610. *Rome.* Peter Kirstenius, 1640. *Upsal.* Sir Symonds D'Ewes, 1650. John Graunt, 1674. *St. Dunstan's.* George, Lord Jeffreys, 1689. d. *Tower.* Alexander Lainez, 1710. d. *Paris.* Madame Bontems, 1768. d. *Paris.* Charles Pratt, Earl Camden, 1794.

As amber attracts a straw, so does beauty admiration, which only lasts while the warmth continues: but virtue, wisdom, goodness, and real worth, like the loadstone, never lose their power. These are the true *graces*, which, as Homer feigns, are linked and tied hand in hand, because it is by their influence that human hearts are so firmly united to each other.
Burton.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Apollonius, the Apologist, *Martyr*, c. 186.
St. Laisrean (or Molaisre), *Bishop of Leighlin*, d. 638.
St. Galdin, *Archbishop of Milan*, d. 1176.

They that govern most make least noise. You see when they row in a barge, they that do drudgery work, slash, and puff, and sweat; but he that governs, sits quietly at the stern, and scarce is seen to stir.—*Selden.*

Look upon this picture, and then on this; the counterfeit presentment of two brothers.
Hamlet.

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XVIII. APRIL.

Then shalt thou see the dew-bedabbled wretch
Turn, and return, indenting with the way;
Each envious brier his weary legs doth scratch,
Each shadow makes him stop, each murmur stay:
For misery is trodden on by many,
And being low, never reliev'd by any.---*Venus and Adonis.*

Acts.

THE church of *St. Nicaise*, at Rheims, is founded by the architect Hugo Libergier, 1229; which, however, was not completed until the beginning of the fourteenth century, by Robert de Courci.—Eleanor, daughter of Edward II. departs this day, to consummate her espousals with Reginald, 2d Earl of Gueldres. The journey of this Princess terminated at Verfeil, the 26th of July, 1332:—her expenses amounted to £42. Shakspeare's poem of "*Venus and Adonis*" is entered this day, 1593, by Richard Field, an eminent printer, who was a native of Stratford. This *first heir* of our poet's imagination, which it seems obtained the *palm* in the race with Marlowe's "*Hero and Leander*," was dedicated, in a brief and elegant address, to the famous Earl of Southampton. We find, from a manuscript *payment* of 12*d.* for the Survey of France and the present poem, that on the 12th of June it was in circulation. "As the soul of Euphorbus," saith Meres, in 1598, "was thought to live in Pythagoras, so the sweet, witty soul of Ovid lives in mellifluous and honey-tongued Shakspeare: witness his Venus and Adonis."

Sir Henry Wotton writes from Eton College to the young Milton, just previous to his continental excursion, 1638: "It was a special favour, when you lately bestowed upon me here the first taste of your acquaintance, though no longer than to make me know, that I wanted more time to value it, and to enjoy it rightly. Since your going, you have charged me with new obligations, both for a very kind letter from you, dated the sixth of this month, and for a dainty piece of entertainment that came therewith; wherein I should much commend the tragical part, if the lyrical did not ravish with a certain Doric delicacy in your songs and odes, wherein I must plainly confess to have seen yet nothing parallel in our language: *ipsa mollities*.... Now, sir, concerning your travels, I should think, that your best line will be through the whole length of France to Marseilles, and thence by sea to Genoa, whence the passage into *Tuscany* is as diurnal as a Gravesend barge."

The thoughts close and the countenance loose will go safely over the world.—
Italian oracle.

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XIX. APRIL.

The convent bells are ringing,
But mournfully and slow;
In the gray square turret swinging,
With a deep sound, to and fro.
Heavily to the heart they go!
Hark! the hymn is singing—
The song for the dead below,
Or the living who shortly shall be so!—*Parisina.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
XIII. Cal. 19.	Michael le Tellier, 1603, *Paris.* Lady Elizabeth Hastings, 1682. Augustus William Iffland, 1759, *Hanover.*	Robert II. (*of Scotland*), 1390. d. *Dundonald Castle.* Philip Melancthon, 1560. *Wittemberg.* Thomas Sackville, Earl of Dorset, 1608. *Westminster Abbey.* Tho. Bastard, 1618. *Dorchester.* George Bate, 1669. *Kingston upon Thames.* Christina (*of Sweden*), 1689. d. *Rome.* Nicholas Saunderson, 1739. *Boxworth.* Thomas Coxeter, 1747. John Banks, 1751. d. *Islington.* Dr. Rd. Price, 1791. d. *Hackney.* George, Lord Byron, 1824. d. *Missolonghi.* (Hucknall.)

Her countenance is the lively picture of her mind, which is the seat of honour, truth, compassion, knowledge, and innocence. *There dwells the scorn of vice, and pity too.* The restless *Poluglossa* is so perfectly opposite to *Aspasia*, that as vice is terrible to her only as it is the object of reproach, so virtue is agreeable only as it is attended with applause.—*Congreve.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Ursmar, *Bp. of Lobes*, d. 713.
St. Elphege, the Bald, *Bp.* d. 953.
St. Elphege, *Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr*, 1012. (*See English Church Calendar.*)
St. Leo IX. Pope, d. 1054.

If by an exposition of the naked frailties of the *dead* we can cleanse the breath of a whole society, then there may be virtue in sacrilege, and charity in the abuse of charity:—otherwise, no private worth, or motive, can justisfy the severe infliction.

Correspondence.

So may he rest; his *faults* lie gently on him!—*King Henry VIII.*

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XIX. APRIL.

That with most quick agility, can turn,
And return; make knots, and undo them;
Give forked counsel; take provoking gold
On either hand, and put it up: these men,
We know, will thrive with their humility.---*The Fox.*

Acts.

BENDIDEIA, an anniversary of Diana kept by the Thracians, who called her *Bendis*, as well as by the Athenians, upon the nineteenth or twentieth of Thargelion. The *Diocleia* were celebrated about this time at Megara, near the tomb of Diocles, killed in the defence of a youth whom he loved. A garland was bestowed upon that boy who gave the sweetest kiss. It encouraged manly friendship, a virtue so rare that Sir Philip Sidney supposed it buried with the ancients. The Romans destroyed a certain number of *foxes* during the races on the present day, by fastening little bundles of lighted straw to their backs, and then loosing them in the plain. They represented, apparently, the state-vermin; but all kinds of *cruelty* are much better rewarded in the breach of them.

An eclipse of the sun, noticed by Herodotus, B. C. 481. Xerxes reached Sardis from Susa in the autumn of this year, and wintered there. In the spring he marched to Abydos, on the Hellespont, and the great naval battle of *Salamis* followed, during the autumn, B. C. 480.

The Lutheran Princes publish their *protestation* of appeal against the Imperial decree of Charles the Fifth, and that promulgated at Spire, condemning their nonconformity to the Roman church, 1529. La Caille arrives at the Cape of Good Hope, for the purpose of observing the Southern hemisphere, 1751. He remained there for three years, during which period he determined the exact position of ten thousand stars, and fixed the situation of the Isles of France and Bourbon. The American war, between Great Britain and her colonies, commences at Lexington, in the neighbourhood of Boston, 1775. The "*Iphigenie*" of Gluck, the composer (adapted from Racine), is produced on the Parisian stage, by command and under the patronage of the Queen, Maria Antoinette, 1776. Dr. Herschel observes three lunar volcanoes, 1787.

The second Sunday after Easter. The Synod of Edinburgh upon this day, N. S. 1684, changed the year of *confirmation* for children from the age of eight to sixteen, when they would possess more knowledge.

Hood an ass with reverend purple, so you can hide his two ambitious ears, and he shall pass for a cathedral doctor.---*Volpone.*

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XX. APRIL.

To show the strength, and infamy of pride,
By all 'tis follow'd, and by all deny'd.
What numbers are there, which at once pursue
Praise, and the glory to contemn it, too?—*Young.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XII. Cal. 20.	Dean (John) Barwick, 1612, *Witherslack.*	Salvius Otho, (Emperor) A. D. 69. d. *Brixellum.* Cæadwalla, King of Wessex, 688. *St. Peter's, Rome.* Clement V. (Pope), 1314. d. *Roquemaure.* Eliza. Barton, (Maid of Kent), 1534. *executed, Tyburn.* Sir J. Mason, 1566. *St. Paul's.* Bishop (John) Davenant, 1641. *Salisbury.* Francis, Duke of Somerset, 1678. *murdered, Genoa.* Dr. Lancelot Addison, 1703. *Lichfield.* Lady Dameris Masham, 1708. *Bath.* James Petiver, 1718. John Lewis Petit, 1750. d. *Paris.* Roland D'Erceville, *guill.* 1794. Francis Mathurin Duport, *guillotined,* 1794.

If, according to the rules of Machiavel, *sic volo, sic jubeo,* hold in those that are able to command, and if it be lawful, *fas et nefas,* to do any thing that is beneficial, only tyrants should possess the earth; and they, striving to exceed in tyranny, should each to other be a slaughterman; till, the mightiest outliving all, *one stroke were left for death;* so that in an age the race of man should be extirpated. *Robert Greene.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Serf (or Servanus), *Apostle of Orkney,* 5th Century.
St. Agnes, *of Monte Pulciano, Virgin,* d. 1317.
St. James, *of Sclavonia* (or Illyricum), 1485.

I do not call him a poet that writes for his own diversion, any more than that gentleman a fiddler who amuses himself with a violin. *Swift.*

Obedience, by a catholic and conscientious agreement, is the crown and pillar, the glory and strength of all government. *Dr. Addison.*

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XX. APRIL.

The sprightly Sylvia trips along the green,
She runs, but hopes she does not run unseen;
While a kind glance at her pursuer flies,
How much at variance are her feet and eyes!---*Pope's Spring.*

Acts.

THE lesser Panathenæa were *annual* festivals kept by the Athenians in honour of Minerva, beginning with the twentieth of Thargelion. There were three games conducted by ten presidents. Upon the first day at even was the race of *torches*. The second contention was *gymnastic*, and the third, instituted by Pericles, included *melody* of all kinds, the dance, the song, instrumental music, and the drama. There was likewise a mock sea-fight at Sunium.—*See 28th June.*

The Goths, with Alaric their king, are defeated by Constantine in the plains of Mæsia, and compelled to repass the Danube, A. D. 332. The Christian faith was first established in the Isle of Wight, during the reign and by the means of Cæadwalla, 686. The church, chapels, abbey, and bishop's court of the city of Clogher are burnt to the ground, 1396. Oliver Cromwell expels the Parliament and dissolves the Council of State, (Wednesday), 1653. The Lord General entered the house clad in plain black clothes, with gray worsted stockings. "Then he went to the table where the mace lay, which used to be carried before the Speaker, and said, 'take away these baubles;' so the soldiers took away the mace, and all the house went out; and at the going out the General said to young Sir Harry Vane, calling him by his name, that he might have prevented this extraordinary course, but he was a juggler, and had not so much as common honesty." The immortal naval achievement of Blake, at Santa Cruz, in Teneriffe, 1657. Pepys notes, 1665: "This night I am told the first play is played in Whitehall, which is now turned to a house of playing." The siege of Londonderry, by James II., in 1689. Jacob Tonson applies to Pope for the honour of printing his *Pastorals*, from Gray's Inn Gate, 1706. The professorship of Rhetoric in the University of Edinburgh is established by George III., 1762. The Austrian armies are defeated by Napoleon at *Abensberg*, and the two next days successively routed and overthrown at *Landshut* and *Eckmühl*, 1809. The New Bethlehem Hospital is founded, 1812.

The eighth month, *Floréal*, of the French Republican calendar began; when the sun enters the sign *Taurus*. The ancient Romans kept the Persian feasts of *Mithras* upon this same day to record the circumstance.

I think, till thirty, or with some a little longer, people should dress in a way that is most likely to procure the love of the opposite sex. *Shenstone.*

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XXI. APRIL.

But o'er the twilight groves and dusky caves,
Long-sounding aisles, and intermingled graves,
Black Melancholy sits, and round her throws
A death-like silence, and a dread repose;
Her gloomy presence saddens all the scene,
Shades every flower, and darkens every green,
Deepens the murmur of the falling floods,
And breathes a browner horrour on the woods.—*Pope.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XI. Cal. 21.	Numa Pompilius, B. C. 753, *Cures.* Bishop (Reginald) Heber, 1783.	Remus, B. C. 753. *murd. Rome.* Alexander the Great, 323. *Alexandria.* Diogenes the Cynic, 323. *Corinth.* Alexander II. (Pope), A.D. 1073. Peter Abelard, 1142. d. *St. Marcellus upon Saône.* (Père la Chaise.) John Beaufort, Marquess of Somerset, 1410. *Canterbury.* Anthony Godeau, 1671. Philip de la Hire, 1718. Dr. Richard Newton, 1753. d. *Lavendon Grange.* D. Mallet, 1765. d. *Drury Lane.* Ali Bey, 1773. d. *Syria.* General Dagobert, 1794. *Spain.*

Alexander was in body most graceful, most active, most indefatigable; in mind most manly, most ambitious of glory, most indifferent to danger, most diligent in devotion to the Deity.

——— *Arrian.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Eingan (or Eneon) *of Wales*, c. 590.

St. Anastasius, 1st *Patriarch of Antioch*, d. 598.

St. Anastasius, *surnamed* the Younger, *Patriarch of Antioch*, d. 610.

St. Anastasius, the Sinaïte, 7th Century.

St. Beuno (or Beunor,) *Abbot in Wales*, 7th Century.

St. Malrubius *of Ireland, Martyr*, 721.

St. Anselm, *Archbishop of Canterbury*, d. 1109.

Augustus testified his veneration for the memory of Alexander by the present of a golden crown, and scattering flowers upon the body. Being asked if he would inspect those of the Ptolemies likewise, he replied, "I wished to see *a king*, not dead men." *Dion Cassius.*

Of all affliction taught a lover yet,
'Tis sure the hardest science to forget!—*Heloise to Abelard.*

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XXI. APRIL.

Fall'n, fall'n, a silent heap; her heroes all
Sunk in their urns: behold the pride of pomp,
The throne of nations fall'n; obscur'd in dust;
Rent palaces, crush'd columns, rifled moles,
Fanes roll'd on fanes, and tombs on buried tombs.

Ruins of Rome.

Acts.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the foundation of ROME, in the 3rd year of the 6th Olympiad, B. C. 753, of the Julian period 3961, after the destruction of Troy 431, and one hundred and sixteen years from the building of Carthage. Romulus was in his seventeenth year when he received the regal title; and his subjects (citizens) consisted of a *legion* of three thousand foot and three hundred horse. This prince established that system of military discipline which afterwards *enchained* the nations. Numa followed, and by erecting the cardinal virtues upon the broad basis of religion and piety, the civil fabric was cemented, which under Servius (the sixth king) was burnished and rounded by a representative polity and municipal rights. The *visible* city became ennobled by the colossal improvements of the two Tarquins, just handsome enough, whispers the spirit of Cato, for the admission of Junius Brutus in his *consular* robes. The thousandth anniversary of this day was celebrated in the reign of the Emperor Philip, when Pompey's famous theatre was *burned*, A. D. 248. Although the secular games were revived to give *eclât* to the solemnity, it was now that the Roman empire exhibited the first symptoms of its declension.—The *Palilia* were festivals cotemporary with the foundation of the city, consecrated to Pales, the goddess of shepherds. The country people then purified themselves by passing through a *straw fire*, and obtained by that means a protection and increase for their flocks, and pardon for any involuntary sacrilege. The oblation of the Roman milkmaids was a *cake*, manufactured by their own sweet hands.—Cicero delivers his fourteenth and last *Philippic*, and decrees a thanksgiving of fifty days for the victory at *Mutina*.

HOKEDAY, an ancient English female *festival*, kept on Easter Tuesday fortnight, *quindena paschæ*. The custom of *lifting* upon Easter Tuesday may be referred to the same original. Perhaps the *Cerealian* rites of our Roman ancestors. Half-yearly rents in the olden time were reserved upon this day, corresponding with the great day of Michaelmas.

She dare go alone and unfold her sheep in the night, and fears no manner of ill, because she means none; yet, to say truth, she is never alone, for she is always accompanied with old songs, honest thoughts, and prayers, but short ones.

The Milkmaid.

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XXII. APRIL.

Full earlier than the blackbird he begins
His vernal strain. Regardless of the frown
Which winter casts upon the vernal day.
How prettily, upon his parded breast,
The vividly contrasted tints unite
To please the admiring eye! so, loud and soft,
And high and low, all in his notes combine,
In alternation sweet, to charm the ear.

The Throstle.—Grahame.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
X. Cal. 22.	Joseph Pellicer, 1602, *Zaragoza.* Dr. John Davies, 1679, *London.* Henry Fielding, 1707, *Sharpham Park.* Immanuel Kant, 1724, *Königsberg.* James Grahame, 1765, *Glasgow.*	Henry VII. (*of England*), 1509. d. *Richmond.* John le Noir, 1692. d. *Nantes.* Francis Charpentier, 1702. Matthew Elias, 1741. Antony de Jussieu, 1758. d. *Paris.* Dr. Edward Cobden, 1764. Isaac de Chapellier, *guillotined*, 1792. Christian de Malesherbes, *beheaded*, 1794.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Soter, *Pope*, 2nd Century.
Sts. Epipodius and Alexander, *Martyrs at Lyons*, c. 177.
St. Leonides, *Martyr at Alexandria*, 202.
St. Caius, *Pope*, 296.
Sts. Azades, Tharba (or Pherbuta), and many others, *Martyrs in Persia*, 341.
St. Theodorus *of Siceon*, Bishop, d. 613.
St. Opportuna, *of Montreuil, V. Abbess*, d. 770.
St. Rufus (or Rufin), *Anchoret of Glendaloch.*

She doth not, with laying long a-bed, spoil both her complexion and condition; nature hath taught her, that too immoderate sleep is rust to the soul: she rises, therefore, with the lark, and goes to bed with the lamb. Thus lives she; and all her care is that she may die in the spring-time, that she may have store of flowers strewed with her corpse. *The Milkmaid.*

As the baggage is to an army, so is riches to virtue: it cannot be spared nor left behind, but it hindereth the march. *Bacon.*

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XXII. APRIL.

All heavenly beauties join themselves in one,
To show their glory in thine eye alone;
Which when it turns that celestial ball,
A thousand sweet stars rise, a thousand fall.

Drayton's Margaret.

Acts.

The marriage of Henry VI. with Margaret, daughter of Réné, Duke of Anjou (titular King of Naples and Jerusalem) is solemnized at Titchfield, 1445, and upon the 30th of May following, the lady was crowned at Westminster. This princess chose for her device a *daisy*, an allusion to her name,—as expressed in French, *marguerite*.

Sir Philip Hoby being appointed Usher of the Black Rod, 17th March, 1553, writes this day from Brussels to Sir Wm. Cecil, "I have received your letter and the *Rose* withal, which according to your advertisement, I have tied to a lace, and do carry about my neck, in token of mine office."

The Royal Society of London is incorporated by the charter of Charles II. himself a novice in physical science, and a patron of the really skilful, 1663.—The Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle is concluded, 1668.

A total eclipse of the sun, nine in the morning, when the stars appeared, and the birds sunk within their nests, 1715. It is noticed by Halley and Louville, who came to London to assist his observations.

Chatterton leaves his native city for the capital, 1770.—General Washington enters Philadelphia, with the honours of a triumph, 1789.

The trial of Warren Hastings, governor-general of Bengal, terminates, 1795, by the sentence of the House of Lords, pronounced by the Chancellor: "Warren Hastings, you are acquitted of all the charges of impeachment brought against you by the Commons, and of all matters contained therein; you and your bail therefore are discharged." The twenty-two articles of charge were delivered by *Burke*, at the table of the House, during the first week of April, 1786; and the trial was opened in Westminster Hall, the 13th February, 1788.

The Easter Term commences on *Wednesday*, following the second Sunday after Easter Day; and concludes on the *Monday* after Ascension Day.—*See 14th May.*

Patience is the armour and conquest of the godly: this meriteth mercy, when causeless is suffered sorrow.—Naught else is war but fury and madness, wherein is not advice but rashness; not right but rage, ruleth and reigneth.

King Henry VI.

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XXIII. APRIL.

To him the mighty mother did unveil
Her awful face: The dauntless child
Stretch'd forth his little arms, and smil'd.
This pencil take (she said) whose colours clear
Richly paint the vernal year:
Thine too these golden keys, immortal boy!
This can unlock the gates of joy;
Of horror that, and thrilling fears,
Or ope the sacred source of sympathetic tears.—*Gray.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IX. Cal. 23.	St. Louis IX. *of France,* 1215, *Neuville.* Julius Cæsar Scaliger, 1484, *Ripa in the Veronese.* Alexander Ales, 1500, *Edinburgh.* William Shakspeare, 1564, *Henley Street, Stratford upon Avon.* George, Lord Anson, 1697, *Shuckborough.* Sir Gilbert, Earl of Minto, 1751. **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. George, of Cappadocia, PATRON OF ENGLAND, *and Titular Saint of Genoa,* Martyr at Nicomedia, 303. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Gerard, *Bishop of Toul,* d. 994. St. Adalbert, *Bishop of Prague,* Apostle of Prussia, *Martyr,* 997. St. Ibar (or Ivor) *Bishop in Ireland,* d. c. 500.	Mezentius, (*of Etruria*), B. C. 1176. Aulus Hirtius, B. C. 43. *killed, Mutina.* Ethelred II. (*of England*), A. D. 1016. *St. Paul's.* Leo VII. (Pope), 939. Giles of Assisi, 1272. died, *Perugia.* Peter Danes, 1577. d. *Paris.* Boris Godunouf (*of Muscovy*), *poisoned,* 1605. William Shakspeare, 1616. *Stratford upon Avon.* Michael Cervantes *de Saavedra,* 1616. *Madrid.* John Barbeyrac, 1744. Andrew Baxter, 1750. Anthony Dinouart, 1786. d. *Paris.* James d'Espremenil, *guillotined,* 1794. Nicholas Schiavonetti, 1813. Aaron Arrowsmith, 1823. died, *Soho Square.* Joseph Nollekins, 1823. died, *Cavendish Square.*

Honi soit qui mal y pense.—*Confusion to dishonourable thoughts.*
Motto of the Garter.

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XXIII. APRIL.

Our ancient word of courage, fair St. George!—*Richmond.*

Acts.

SAINT GEORGE's Day. The Anniversary of the Patron of England, beneath whose inspiring banner a long and splendid line of nobility have sprung, illustrating by their deeds in arms, their faith in counsel, and with hearts of courtesy, a THRONE, venerable from inheritance, and unspotted by dishonour; abroad respected; approached with general affection at home; and possessing all those energies which, triumphant as they have been in a whirlwind of contention, are still proved soundly wise in a *diet* of repose. The Chronicle of Rastel, speaking of the third Edward, contains the following apposite passage in relation to our national festival: "About the nineteenth year of this king [1345], he made a solemn feast at Windsor, and a great Just and Tournament, where he devised and perfected substantially the *Order of the Knights of the Garter;* howbeit some affirm, that this order began first by RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, at the siege of the city of Acre [1191], where, in his great necessity, there were but *twenty-six* knights that firmly and surely abode with the king, where he caused all them to wear thongs of blue leather about their legs; and afterward they were called the *Knights of the Blue Thong.*" There is *race* in the leather, for no origin could smack more of real honour; that is, fidelity. In those moslem anti-silken fields the name of Richard Plantagenet, that *word of fear*, was employed as a spell by the Syrian mothers to silence their infants; and if a horse started suddenly from the way, his rider was wont to exclaim, "Dost thou think King Richard is in that bush?" Their style is "*Equites Aureæ Periscelidis.*" By the Great Council at Oxford, it was first decreed that the feast of *Saint George*, which at this moment commemorates the civil birth-day of His Majesty King George IV. should be observed as a holiday throughout England. In the time of Addison, there was a fine painting of the Martyr within the church of St. George at Verona, an easel-piece of Paul Veronese, then considered the chief ornament of that handsome structure.

Let Palmerin of England be *preserved;* and let such another case be made for it, as that which Alexander found among the spoils of Darius.

Don Quixote.

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XXIII. APRIL.

Patronage was the daughter of Astræa, by a mortal father, and had been educated in the school of Truth, by the Goddesses, whom she was now appointed to protect. She came down, with the general acclamation of all the powers that favour learning. On Parnassus she fixed her residence, in a palace raised by the Sciences, and adorned with whatever could delight the eye, elevate the imagination, or enlarge the understanding. There she dispersed the gifts of Fortune, with the impartiality of Justice, and the discernment of Truth. Her gate stood always open, and Hope sat at the portal. ***Johnson.***

Acts.

The honourable badge of the *Garter* does not materially vary from that of the *Band* worn by the companions of an order of knighthood so named, instituted by Don Alphonsus, King of Spain, in 1368, and derived from Augustus Cæsar. The riband of the *Knights of the Band* was of three fingers breadth, and they were subject to thirty-five rules. The order of *St. Michael* was established in France by Louis XI. in 1380: that of the *Golden Fleece*, by Louis the Good, Duke of Burgundy, in 1410: and that of *St. Andrew*, in Scotland, by James V. in 1520. The Emperor Frederic IV. instituted, in 1470, an order of knighthood in honour of St. George; and an honourable military order in Venice bears his name. The once celebrated library, collected by George of Cappadocia, and deposited at Antioch by the Emperor Julian, is now better remembered, from its destruction by Jovian.

The twenty-third of *Jiar* was a Hebrew feast, for the capture of the city of Gaza (or Gazara), by Simon Maccabæus.—*See* 1 *Macc.* xiii. 43.

The *Vinalia* are celebrated at Rome, when the libation of a bumper was presented to Jupiter, in memory of the death of the impious Mezentius, by the hand of Æneas; and the filleted maidens offered up salacious vows in the temple of Venus.

The venerable monastery of St. Paul, at Jarrow, is dedicated by its founder, Geoffrey of Northumberland, 685.

The foundations of the Bastile are laid, 1369: this odious building, which was the work of Hugo Aubriot, (founder also of the sect of *Huguenots*,) was completed by Charles VI. in 1383.—*See* 14*th July*.

The heroic Earl of Warwick, Richard Beauchamp, on his passage to the Holy Land, is challenged at Verona, by Sir Pandulph Malet, whose shoulder the English knight cleaves with his battle-axe, after splintering their lances, 1408.

Her dispositions she inherits, which makes fair gifts fairer: she derives her honesty, and achieves her goodness. ***Giletta.***

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XXIII. APRIL.

O'er the dread vault, Ambition's utmost bound,
Unheard shall Fame her airy trumpet sound!
Unheard alike, nor grief, nor transport raise,
Thy blast of censure, or thy note of praise!
As Raphael's own creation grac'd his hearse,
And sham'd the pomp of ostentatious verse;
Shall Shakspeare's honours by himself be paid,
And nature perish ere his pictures fade.—*George Keate.*

Acts.

THE Anniversary of the "obstruction" of *William Shakspeare*, 1616, respecting whom it is scarcely a figure to say that he has cast off a great pile of the earthiness and gravity of succeeding generations. Oliver Cromwell was admitted a member of Sidney College, Cambridge, and Samuel Foster the astronomer, a sizar of Emanuel, upon *the same day*. King Charles II. incorporates, by charter, the colony of Connecticut, and fixes their boundaries, 1662. This *merry monarch* was inaugurated upon the same day in the preceding year, King of England. The Yeoman Usher notes: "Monday, 22nd, The King rode from the Tower through the city to Whitehall, in order to coronation. Tuesday, 23rd, crowned in the Abbey, and dined in Westminster Hall. At night left to my charge the globe and two sceptres, rich with jewels, which I delivered to the Dean of Westminster, Doctor Earle." The salary of the Yeoman Usher was three shillings *per diem*.

King James II. and his Queen, Mary D'Este, princess of Modena, are crowned, 1685:—'to the sorrow of the people, there was no sacrament, as ought to have been;' and the good Queen *Anne*, in 1702.

General Paoli, attended by the Corsican deputies, presents himself at the bar of the National Assembly at Paris, and accepts the oath of fidelity to the French Government, 1790.

The Regency of Spain issues a manifesto against the Pope's *Nuncio* there, Peter Gravina, who had endeavoured to excite the Bishops and Chapters to refuse publishing, in their respective dioceses, the law which abolished the Inquisition, 1813.

The Catholic Charter of privileges, which passed into a law, by the consent of the three estates of the realm, on the *thirteenth* of April, came first into operation upon this propitious day, 1829.

The Geological Society, Somerset House, is instituted, 1826:—its anniversary is the 20th of February. The Society of Antiquaries established at London, celebrate their Anniversary upon St. George's Day.

It springs where Avon gently flows in wild simplicity.—*Forget me not.—Goethe.*

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XXIV. APRIL.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. *The Epistle of John.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VIII. Cal. 24.	John Graunt, 1620, *Birchin Lane, London.* Paul Boccone, 1633, *Palermo.* Envy, which is the canker of honour, is best distinguished by declaring a man's self in his ends, rather to seek merit than fame: and by attributing a man's successes rather to divine providence and felicity, than to his own virtue or policy.—*Bacon.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Mellitus, *Archbishop of Canterbury*, Founder of St. Paul's Cathedral in 604, and of the Monastery of Westminster, in 609, *died*, 624. Sts. Bona (or Beuve), d. 673, and Doda, 7th Century, *Virgins and Abbesses.* Robert, Abbot and Founder of Chaise-Dieu, in Auvergne, *buried*, 1067. St. Fidelis, of Sigmarengin, *Martyr*, 1622.	St. Wilfrid, (Bishop of York), 709. *Ripon.* Bishop (Richard) Aungervyle, 1345. d. *Auckland.* Von Parris, 1551. *burnt, London.* Archbishop (James) Beaton, 1603. d. *Paris.* Marshal d'Ancre Concini, 1617. *shot, Louvre-bridge.* Bishop (Matthew) Wren, 1667. *Cambridge.* Daniel Defoe, 1731. *Bunhill-Fields.* Charles Stephen Pesselier, 1763. d. *Paris.* Zachariah Mudge, 1769. d. *Plymouth.* Maximilian, Duke of Brunswick, *drowned*, 1785. George Travis, 1797. d. *Hampstead.* William Seward, 1799. John Charles Borda, 1799. d. *Paris.* Peter de Beaumarchais, 1799. d. *Paris.*

All man is from his very birth a disease: when first born he is useless, and sues for relief from others; when he grows up, foolish and wanting instruction; at full growth, wicked; in his decaying age, miserable, toiling throughout all his time imprudently: such is he from the womb.—*The Laughing Philosopher.*

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XXIV. APRIL.

There pleading might you see grave Nestor stand,
As 'twere encouraging the Greeks to fight;
Making such sober action with his hand,
That it beguil'd attention, charm'd the sight:
In speech, it seem'd, his beard, all silver white,
Wagg'd up and down, and from his lips did fly
Thin winding breath, which purl'd up to the sky.—*Shakspeare.*

Acts.

THE conquest and destruction by the Greeks of the city of Troy, took place upon the twenty-fourth of *Thargelion*, B. C. 1184.—Upon that day also, B. C. 339, Timoleon defeated the Carthaginians at the river *Crimesus* near Mount Giuliano in Sicily; about the day that Speusippus resigned the Platonic Chair, from infirmity, to Xenocrates.

The festival of the idol *Serapis* is celebrated at Alexandria, A. D. 68. This gloomy divinity, with his agreeable attendants the Dragon and Cerberus, was brought from Sinope to the Egyptian capital under Ptolemy *Soter*, shortly after the death of Alexander. The rites were introduced at Rome by Antoninus *Pius*, and observed upon the sixth of May, until abolished by the Senate for their grossness, and since entirely subdued by the *harrow* of St. George.

St. Louis embarks from *Acre*, in Palestine, with his queen, children, officers, and troops, in fourteen vessels, and arrives at Vincennes, a stranger for six years from his dominions, on the 5th of September, 1254.

The discovery of *Brazil* by Pedro Alvares Cabral, a Portuguese, which he named *Santa Crux*, 1500.—Osep Napea, the first Russian Ambassador to England, is introduced this day to Queen Elizabeth, who receives his master's presents, and afterwards concludes with him a treaty of amity and commerce, 1556.

The marriage of Mary Queen of Scots with the Dauphin is solemnized in the Cathedral of Nôtre Dame, 1558. By the contract it was provided that the eldest son of the marriage should be King of France and Scotland, and that Francis should bear the *title* of King of Scotland.

Howell describes the death of the favourite, *Concini*: "Ancre's body was buried that night in a church hard by the court; but the next morning the lacqueys and pages (who are more unhappy here than the apprentices in London) broke up his grave, tore his coffin to pieces, ript the winding-sheet, and tied his body to an ass's tail, and so dragged him up and down the streets of Paris, which are none of the sweetest; they then sliced off his ears and nailed them upon the gates of the city;" &c.

The morn began, from Ida, to display
Her rosy cheeks: and *Phosphor* led the day.—*Flight of Æneas.*

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XXV. APRIL.

Venetia stands with endless beauties crown'd,
And as a world within herself is found.
Nations and seas are in thy states enroll'd,
And kings among thy citizens are told.
Ausonia's brightest ornament! by thee
She sits a sov'reign, unenslav'd and free;
By thee, the rude barbarian chas'd away,
The rising sun cheers with a purer ray
Our western world, and doubly gilds the day.---*Sannazarius.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VII. Cal. 25.	Edward II. (of England), 1284, *Caernarvon Castle.* Oliver Cromwell, 1599, *Huntingdon.* Thomas Rowe, 1687, *London.*	Vibius Pansa, B. C. 43. d. *Bononia upon the Rhine.* *Saint* Mark (the Evangelist), A. D. 68. *Alexandria.* Benedict XII. (Pope), 1342. d. *Avignon.* Admiral Sir Edward Howard, 1513. *killed, Conquet.* Francis Negro de Piazzi, 1536. *burned, Etna.* Torquato Tasso, 1595. *St. Onofrio, Rome.* James Hay, Earl of Carlisle, 1636. Dr. Henry Hammond, 1660. *Hampton Lovet.* Dr. John Woodward, 1728. *Abbey.* John Conrad Dippel, 1734. d. *Witgenstein.* Samuel Wesley, *the Elder*, 1735. *Epworth.* J. Ant. Nollet, 1770. d. *Paris.* Bishop Green, 1779. d. *Bath.* William Cowper, 1800. *East Dereham.* Thomas Pownall, 1805. d. *Bath.* Dr. Patrick Colquhoun, 1820.
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Mark of Cyrenaica, *Evangelist and Martyr*, Patron of Venice. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Anianus (or Annianus), 2nd *Bishop of Alexandria*, d. 86. St. Kebius *of Cornwall*, Bishop of Poitiers, 4th Century. St. Phœbadius (or Fiari), *Bishop of Agen*, c. 392. St. Macull (Macallius, *commonly* Maughold), *Apostle and Bishop of the Isle of Man*, c. 498. St. Ivia (or Ivo), a Bishop in Persia, d. *England*, 7th Century.	

Some men value themselves upon their birth. In my opinion nothing but virtue confers nobility. *Epistles of Phalaris.*

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XXV. APRIL.

A sparkling eye beneath a wrinkled front
The vet'ran shows, and, gracing a grey beard
With youthful smiles, descends toward the grave
Sprightly, and old almost without decay.—*The Sofa.*

Arts.

ST. MARK'S DAY. There were many country superstitious observances anciently attached to the eve of St. Mark; but, as these had no relation (originally) to the Christian festival, the Roman church, sometime in the 15th century, wisely changed it for a day of *abstinence.*

The ROBIGALIA were sacrificial rites paid to the goddess Robigo, by the Roman husbandmen, to avert the influence of blasts and mildew from the corn. Numa Pompilius established this feast in the ninth year of his reign. Ovid has called the present day *middle-spring*, which Columella rather places four days sooner.

The Commons grant to Richard II. a *capitation tax*, graduated according to each person's rank and estate, 1379. In this financial scale the Dukes of Lancaster and Brittany were rated at £6 13*s.* 4*d.*: the justices of K. B. and C. P. and the chief baron at £5; an earl, an earl's widow, and the mayor of London, £4; a baron, knights banneret, the aldermen of London, mayors of great towns, and serjeants at law, £2; a knight, and great merchants, £1; sufficient merchants, 13*s.* 4*d.*; esquires and attorneys at law, 6*s.* 8*d.*; each married labourer, for himself and wife, 4*d.*; and the same for single men and women, who were not mendicants.

A dreadful conflagration of Mount Etna, which demolished the church of St. Leon, and consumed the physician, Piazzi, 1536.

William Penn signs his charter of liberties and privileges to the people of Pennsylvania, 1682. "On or about the 25th of April," observes Mr. Wilson, "if the season be not uncommonly cold, the *Whip-poor-will* is heard in Pennsylvania, in the evening, as the dusk of twilight commences; or in the morning, as soon as dawn has broke. The notes of this solitary bird, from the ideas which are naturally associated with them, seem like the voice of an old friend, and are listened to by almost all with great interest. The notes seem pretty plainly to articulate the words, '*Whip-poor-will,*' the first and last syllables being uttered with great emphasis, and the whole in about a second to each repetition."

The Neapolitan Academy of History and Antiquities, established by Joseph Buonaparte, first assembles, 1807.

He was the washer of morals, the mangler of foppery, and the starch and tongs of a gazette: he called a petticoat the *hive* of human felicity.—*Letter on Steele.*

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XXVI. APRIL.

All things upon earth are pell mell, in most admirable disorder. Thou must, as from some higher place, look *down*, saith Plato, upon the things of this world; as flocks, armies; the labours of husbandmen, marriages, divorces; generations, deaths; the tumults of courts, and places of judicature; public festivals, mournings; fairs, and markets.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Cal. 26.	Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, A. D. 121, *Rome.* Roger Boyle, Earl of Orrery, 1621, *Ireland.* Thomas Reid, 1710, *Strachen in Kincardineshire.* David Hume, 1711, *Edinburgh.* Madame le Prince de Beaumont, 1711, *Rouen.* John Anthony Guldenstaedt, 1745, *Riga.* Richd. Twiss, 1747, *Rotterdam.* General Réné Savary, 1774, *Mare, in Champagne.* Asia, Europe, what are they but as corners of the universe? of which the sea is as a drop, and Mount Athos a clod, as all present time is but one point of eternity.—*M. Aurelius.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Cletus, *Pope, Martyr*, d. 89. St. Marcellinus, *Pope*, d. 304. St. Richarius (or Riquier,) *Abbot*, d. c. 645. St. Paschasius Radbert, *Abbot of Corbie*, d. c. 865.	John II. (Pope), A. D. 535. Stephen III. (Pope), 757. Archbp. (Simon) Islip, 1366. Julio de Medici, 1478. *assassinated, Florence.* Ferdinand Magellan, 1521. *killed, Isle of Matan.* Diana *de Poitiers*, Duchess of Valentinois, 1566. Michael Neander, 1595. died, *Pfortsheim.* Rebecca Berry, 1696. *Stepney.* John, Lord Somers, 1716. *North Mims.* Mary d'Este (of England), 1718. *St. Germain's.* Jeremy Collier, 1726. *St. Pancras.* John Baptist Morvan de Bellegarde, 1734. Sir Eyre Coote, 1783. died, *Madras.* (Rockwood.) William Woodville, 1805. d. *Pancras Hospital.* Carsten Niebuhr, 1815. d. *Meldorf in Holstein.* George Hardinge, 1816. died, *Bresteign.*

Honour is acquired by action. Love is the business of the idle.—*Theophrastus.*

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XXVI. APRIL.

Dim as the borrow'd beams of Moon and stars
To lonely, weary, wandering travellers,
Is reason to the soul: and as on high,
Those rolling fires discover but the sky,
Not light us here; so Reason's glimmering ray
Was lent, not to assure our doubtful way,
But guide us upward to a better day.---*Religio Laici.*

Acts.

THE PLYNTERIA, an Athenian festival kept upon the twenty-fifth of Thargelion, when the statue of Minerva was deprived of its ornaments, and afterwards purified. It was therefore considered an unfortunate day; the men being excluded by *ropes* from the temples. The return of Alcibiades from his exile happened during this anniversary, B. C. 407.

Lorenzo de Medici is rescued by the Florentine populace from the hands of assassins, whilst celebrating mass in the Cathedral (Sunday), 1478. His brother Julian was slain. The Archbishop who became the tool of Pope Sixtus for accomplishing this foul and impious conspiracy was afterwards *suspended* in his pontifical robes from the window of his own sanctuary. Neither the great nor the minor laws of our nature can ever, from their very constitution, be infringed with impunity.

John White, with one hundred and fifty men in three vessels, sails from Portsmouth to settle a colony in Virginia, by the orders of Sir Walter Raleigh. On the 22nd of June, 1587, they anchored at Santa Cruz, beyond Dominica, where "some of our women and men, by eating a small fruit like green apples, were fearfully troubled with a sudden burning in their mouths, and swelling of their tongues so big, that some of them could not speak." Upon the 18th of August *Eleanor*, daughter to the Governor of Virginia, and wife of Ananias Dare, was delivered of a daughter in Roanoak, and *because this child was the first Christian born in Virginia, she was named Virginia.*

The first court is held in the colony of Connecticut, New England, at *Hartford*, now one of the capitals of this state, 1636.

Dr. Pitcairne delivers his inaugural oration as Professor of Physic, in the University of Leyden, 1692.

Henry Howard, Earl of Bindon, Deputy of Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal of England, holds his Court of Chivalry in the painted chamber at Westminster, according to ancient custom, 1707.

Lord Somers was one of those divine men, who, like a chapel in a palace, remain unprophaned, while all the rest is tyranny, corruption, and folly: a man, who dispensed blessings by his life, and planned them for posterity. He was at once the model of Addison, and the touchstone of Swift.---*Horace Walpole.*

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XXVII. APRIL.

My love is fair, my love is gay,
As fresh as be the flowers in May,
And of my love my roundelay,
My merry, merry roundelay,
Concludes with Cupid's curse,
They that do change old love for new,
Pray gods, they change for worse!—*Œnone.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
v. Cal. 27.	Charles Blount, 1654, *Upper Holloway.* Edward Gibbon, 1737, O.S. *Putney.* Nicholas Selis, 1737, *Paris.* My lot might have been that of a slave, a savage, or a peasant: nor can I reflect without pleasure on the bounty of nature, which cast my birth in a free and civilized country, in an age of science and philosophy, in a family of honourable rank, and decently endowed with the gifts of fortune.—*Gibbon.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Anthimus, *Bishop*, and many others, *Martyrs at Nicomedia*, 303. St. Anastasius, Pope, 401. St. Asicus, 1st Bishop of Elphin, *promoted by St. Patrick.* St. Zita, *Virgin*, d. 1272.	Ethelred I. (of England), *killed*, 871. *Winburn.* Conrad of Montferrat, 1192. *assassinated, Tyre.* Philip the Bold, (Duke of Burgundy,) 1404. d. *Hall in Hainault.* Commodore (John) Barth, 1702. d. *Dunkirk.* James Bernard, 1718. d. *Leyden.* John Pontas, 1728. d. *Paris.* Nicholas Amhurst, 1742. d. *Twickenham.* John James Ankerstrom, *executed*, 1792. Sir William Jones, 1794. *Calcutta.* James Bruce, 1794. d. *Kinnaird, in Stirlingshire.* A professed sceptic can be guided by nothing but his present passions (if he has any) and interests; and to be masters of his *philosophy*, we need not his books or advice, for every child is capable of the same thing, without any study at all.—*Gray.*

Seven hours to law, to soothing slumber seven,
Ten to the world allot, and all to Heaven.—*Sir William Jones.*

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XXVII. APRIL.

So much the rather thou, celestial Light,
Shine *inward*, and the mind through all her powers
Irradiate; there plant eyes, all mist from thence
Purge and disperse, that I may see and tell
Of things invisible to mortal sight.—*Paradise Lost.*

Acts.

THE LATIAN Festivals, when the forty-seven Latin deputies annually assembled at Alba, upon the Mons Sacer, and offered sacrifices to Jupiter *Latialis;* a political association first established by Tarquin the Proud.

The inhabitants of Milan return to their capital, which had been razed by the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, and rebuilt by a noble contribution of the Lombard cities, 1167.

The battle before the castle of *Dunbar*, and defeat of John Baliol, 1296: "Felon fool!" exclaimed Edward, in a tone of contempt and pity, "but since he will not obey our summons, we must go and find him out." This punitory mission was entrusted to and executed by Warenne, Earl of Surrey.—*See 2nd July.*

The States-General seize the town of Flushing and hang the Spanish commander, 1573. Reading surrenders to the Earl of Essex, 1643. King Charles I. leaves Oxford in *disguise* (over the Magdalen Bridge), one in the morning, *towards the Scottish quarters, then at Southwell*, 1646.

Milton, the blind schoolmaster, as *Waller* contemptuously called him, executes this day, 1667, the contract disposing of the copy-right of his "*Paradise Lost*" to Samuel Simmons, a printer and stationer in London, for the *present* sum of five pounds, and five pounds more when thirteen hundred copies of the first impression should be sold in retail, and the like sum at the end of the second and third editions, *to be accounted as aforesaid; and that* [*each of*] *the said three first impressions shall not exceed fifteen hundred books, or volumes of the said manuscript.* The second payment was made to the author, 26th April, 1669, and on the 21st of December, 1680, his *widow* Elizabeth Milton disposed of her entire interest in the poem for eight pounds; so that the sublimest poetical building in the world produced for its architect the sum of *Eighteen Pounds!* The price of the small quarto, in 1667, was 3*s.*

The Earl of Anglesey presents his celebrated remonstrance to Charles II., 1682. The marriage of Frederick Prince of Wales (grandfather of his Majesty), with Augusta, younger daughter of Frederick, Duke of Saxe Gotha, 1736. Chatham spoke his maiden oration on this event.

Is the application which heals the rotten parts of the constitution less valuable than that which cuts them away? *Cicero to Atticus.*

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XXVIII. APRIL.

To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,
To the last syllable of recorded time;
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusky death. Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow; a poor player,
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
And then is heard no more. It is a tale
Told by an idiot, signifying—nothing.---*Macbeth.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Cal. 28.	Marcus Salvius Otho, A. D. 30. Charles Cotton, 1630, *Ovingden.* John David Michaelis, 1717, *Halle.* When he walks, he moves like an engine, and the ground shrinks before his treading. He is able to pierce a corslet with his eye; talks like a knell, and his hum is a battery. He sits in his state, as a thing made for Alexander. I paint him in the character.—*Menenius Agrippa.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Vitalis, *Martyr, Patron of Ravenna*, d. c. 62. Sts. Didymus and Theodora, *Martyrs*, c. 304. Sts. Pollio and his Companions, *Martyrs in Pannonia*, 304. St. Patricius, *Bp. of Prusa in Bithynia, Martyr*, c. 4th Century. St. Cronan, *Abbot of Roscrea in Ireland*, d. c. 640.	Menenius Agrippa, B. C. 492. *Rome.* Thomas Chaucer, A. D. 1434. *Ewelm.* Henry Percy, 4th Earl of Northumberland, 1489. *murdered, Cocklodge.* John Houghton, (Prior of the Chartreuse,) *executed*, 1535. Sir Julius Cæsar, 1636. *St. Helen's.* John Anthony, 1655. *St. Bartholomew.* James Bonnell, 1699. *Dublin.* Thomas Betterton, 1710. *Abbey.* Thos. Parker, Earl of Macclesfield, 1732. *Shirburn, Oxon.* Thos. Gibson, 1751. d. *Oxford.* Francis Oudin, 1752. d. *Dijon.* Mary Ann de Camargo, 1770. Count John Struensee, 1772. *beheaded, Copenhagen.* Count Enevold de Brandt, 1772. *beheaded, Copenhagen.* Bonnier d'Alco, 1799. *assassinated, Rastadt.* Baron Denon, 1825. d. *Paris.*

I much lament the little taste the gentry of this nation have, at present, for the just and noble representations in some of our tragedies.---*Steele.*

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XXVIII. APRIL.

At length one whisper'd his companion, who
  Whisper'd another---and thus it went around,
And then into a hoarser murmur grew,
  An ominous, and wild, and desperate sound;
And when his comrade's thought each sufferer knew,
  'Twas but his own suppress'd till now, he found;
And out they spoke of lots for flesh and blood,
And who should die to be his fellow's food.—*Byron.*

Acts.

THE twenty-eighth of Jiar is a Hebrew fast for the death of *Samuel*, the prophet, which took place about two years before the destruction of Saul, B.C. 1060.—*See* 1 *Sam.* 25.

The *Floralia* of six days now began at Rome.—*See* 1*st May*.

Constantius, the third and surviving son of Constantine the Great, visits Rome for thirty days, when he displayed the magnificence of a triumph, A. D. 357.

Salisbury Cathedral is founded, 1220. It was not completed until the year 1258.

De la Mare, Speaker to the *Good Parliament*, remonstrates against the insufficiency of the Administration, 1376.

The Parliament assembles, in which the law of the Six Articles, since called the *Bloody Bill*, was introduced by the Chancellor, 1539.

The last solemn offices are paid to the memory of Queen Elizabeth, the Lady Northampton being chief mourner, 1603.

Steele receives the honour of knighthood from King George I. in 1715. "There was a great similitude," observes Lady Montagu, "between the character of Henry Fielding and Sir Richard Steele. They both agreed in wanting money, in spite of all their friends, and would have wanted it, if their hereditary lands had been as extensive as their imaginations; yet each of them was so formed for happiness, it is pity he was not immortal:"—and you, too, for saying so.

Shakspeare's tragedy of "*Julius Cæsar*," is performed at Drury Lane theatre, 1738, the profits of which representation composed a principal part of the fund for the erection of a monument to embody the poet's memory in Westminster Abbey. It was designed by Kent, and executed by Scheemakers, with this inscription by Pope: *Gulielmo Shakespear, anno post mortem,* CXXIV. *Amor Publicus posuit.*

Captain Cook anchors in Botany Bay, 1770. The mutiny of the *Bounty*, against its commander, Captain Bligh, in the Polynesian sea, 1789. Buonaparte sails from Frejus for the Isle of *Elba*, 1814.

Do laugh; 'tis humanity to laugh.---*Steele.*

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XXIX. APRIL.

Oh! blasphemous! on this the book of life
We gabble o'er the oaths we mean to break;
For all must swear, the briber and the bribed,
Merchant and lawyer, senator and priest,
The rich, the poor, the old man and the young;
All, all make up one scheme of perjury:—
The name of *God* sounds like a juggler's charm.—*Sibylline Leaves.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Cal. 29.	Edward IV. (of England), 1441. *Rouen.* Wm. Earl Fitzwilliam, 1643. Ambrose Bonwicke, 1652. Thou wert swift as a roe on the desert: thy wrath was as the storm: thy voice was like thunder over distant hills. But when thou didst return from war, how peaceful was thy brow! Thy face was like the sun after rain: like the moon in the silence of night, calm as the breast of the lake when the loud winds are laid.—*Ossian.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Fiachna, *a Monk of Lismore in Ireland*, d. after 630. St. Hugh, *Abbot of Cluni*, d. 1109. St. Robert, *Abbot of Molesme*, Founder of the Cistertians, d. 1110. St. Peter of Verona, *Martyr*, 1252.	Bardas of Constantinople, *assassinated*, 866. Archbp. Adalbert (of Prague), *murdered*, 997. Sir Ralph Percy, 1463. *killed, Hedgeley Moor.* Bishop (Thomas) Cooper, 1594. *Winchester.* Louis de Saint-Marthe, 1656. d. *Paris.* John Cleveland, 1659. *St. Michael's, College Hill.* Luke d'Acheri, 1685. *St. Germain.* Charles de St. Pierre, 1743. d. *Paris.* Dr. J. Ash, 1779. d. *Pershore.* Bernardo, Marquis Tanucci, 1783. Sweet are thy murmurs, O stream! but more sweet is the voice I hear. It is the voice of Alpin, the son of song, mourning for the dead! Bent is his head of age; red his tearful eye. *Ossian.*

Oblivion is not to be hired: the greater part must be content to be as though they had not been, to be found in the register of God, not in the record of man.
Sir Thomas Browne.

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XXIX. APRIL.

So in the circle of the arts,
Did he advance his natural parts,
Just as a dog, that turns the spit,
Bestirs himself, and plies his feet,
To climb the wheel, but all in vain;
His own weight brings him down again.

Butler's Sydrophel.

Acts.

Upon this day, in 1652, "was that celebrated eclipse of the sun, so much threatened by the astrologers, and which had so exceedingly alarmed the whole nation, that hardly any one would work, nor stir out of their houses. So ridiculously were they abused by knavish and ignorant star-gazers."

Hell-fire clubs are suppressed by an order of the council, 1729.

The first classical book published in Russia, was the Lives of *Cornelius Nepos*. It issued from the Moscow press upon this day, 1762. One of the lost works of Nepos, is a History of the Ancient World, in three volumes; the first treated of obscure and uncertain events, the second of the fabulous ages, and the third respecting genuine history.—Tertullian tells us the historian affirmed, that no *Saturn* had ever been who was not a man! He numbered among his intimate friends a Tully, a Catullus, and a Pomponius.

The *Freeholder* of Addison, after distinguishing between the just historian and the Grub Street biographer, 1716: "There is no question but there are several eminent persons in each party, however they may represent one another at present, who will have the same admirers among posterity, and be equally celebrated by those, whose minds will not be distempered by interest, passion, or partiality. It were happy for us, could we prevail upon ourselves to imagine, that one, who differs from us in opinion, may possibly be an honest man; and that we might do the same justice to one another, which will be done to us by those who shall make their appearance here, when this generation is no more."

The trial of Lord Melville, on his impeachment by the Commons, commences in Westminster Hall, 1806. The sentence of acquittal was pronounced on the 12th of June following.

The festival of *Onesiphorus*, one of the disciples, is kept by the Greek church upon this day.—*See* 2. *Tim.* i.

The Anniversary of the Royal Society of Literature, instituted by his present Majesty, is kept on the *Thursday* preceding May-day.

True wit may be defined a perfect conception with an easy delivery.—*Pope.*

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XXX. APRIL.

Not so the nobler regions, where the heart,
And heaving lungs their vital powers exert;
There ling'ring late, and long conflicting, life
Rose against fate, and still maintain'd the strife:
Driv'n out at length, unwillingly and slow,
She left her mortal house, and sought the shades below.

Pharsalia.

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Prid. Cal. 30.	And. Vesalius, 1514, *Brussels.* Alexander Duke of Ross, 1514. Mary II. (*of England*), 1662.	Marcus Annæus Lucanus, A.D. 65. *Rome (in his Garden).* Queen Amalasontha (the Ostrogoth), 534. *stran. Bolsena.* Abp. Forannand (of Armagh), 982. d. *Vasour on the Meuse.* John XV. (Pope), 996. Alexander Newski (of Muscovy), 1262. d. *Gorodes.* John III. (*of Brittany*), 1341. Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, 1439. d. *Rouen.* Edmond de la Pole, *behd.* 1513. J. Bourchier, Earl of Bath, 1539. Tho. Lord Audley, 1544. *Walden.* Marcellus II. (Pope), 1555. Pius V. (Pope), 1572. John Count de Tilly, 1632. *Ingolstadt.* Eustache le Sueur, 1655. d. *Paris.* Dr. C. Bennet, 1655. *St. Gregory's.* *Sieur* René le Pays, 1690. Dr. Rob. Plot, 1696. *Borden.* G. Farquhar, 1707. *St. Martin's.* Phi. Limborch, 1712. d. *Amsterd.* Bp. (Wm.) Dawes, 1724. *Cambr.* Dr. D. Duncan, 1735. d. *London.* John James Barthelemi, 1795. d. *Paris.*

Crabbed age and youth
Cannot live together;
Youth is full of pleasure,
Age is full of care;
Youth like summer morn,
Age like winter weather;
Youth like summer brave,
Age like winter bare.

Shakspeare.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Maximus, *Martyr in Asia*, 250, or 251.
Sts. James, Marian, and Companions, *Martyrs in Numidia*, 259, or 260.
St. Sophia, Virgin, *Martyr in Italy*, 3rd Century.
St. Erkenwald, *Bishop of London*, 7th Century.
St. Adjutre (or Adjutor), *an Anchoret at Vernon upon the Seine*, d. 1131.
St. Catharine of Sienna, *Virgin*, 1380.

The voluptuous passions are utter enemies to all the nobler faculties of the soul; cast a mist, if I may so express it, before the eyes of reason; and hold no sort of commerce or communion with the manly virtues. *Tully.*

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XXX. APRIL.

Have you not seen, on some great day,
Two goodly horses, white and bay,
Which were so beauteous in their pride,
You knew not which to choose or ride?
Such are these two; you scarce can tell,
Which is the daintier bonny *belle*.—*Sir Philip Sidney*.

Acts.

THE XANTHICA, a Macedonian festival observed in the month *Xanthicus*, when the army was purified by a solemn lustration, too absurd for any serious detail.—The day on which Romulus began to build the city of Rome, was, according to Plutarch, the *thirtieth* of the Grecian month, when there happened a conjunction of the sun and moon, attended with an eclipse; the same that was observed by Antimachus the Teian poet. Tarutius, a learned mathematician, supplied his acquaintance, Varro, with a *calculation*, which for its singularity may be inserted in this place: He affirmed, without doubt or hesitation, that the conception of Romulus was in the first year of the 2nd Olympiad, on the 23rd day of the Egyptian month *Chœac* (December), at the third hour, when the sun was totally eclipsed; and that his birth was on the 23rd of the month *Thoth* (September), about sun-rise; and that *he founded Rome on the ninth of the month Pharmuthi* (April), *between the second and third hour*, i. e. half past eight o'clock in the morning.

This day was consecrated by the Romans partly to *Apollo* and to *Vesta* (whose shrines were placed within the palace of Augustus), and partly to the Emperor himself; a circumstance which furnished the author of the Fasti with a noble compliment.—*See 23d December*.

Cicero writes to his wife and family from Brundusium, in his exile, B. C. 58: "Oh! that I had been more indifferent to life! our days would then have been, if not wholly unacquainted with sorrow, yet by no means thus wretched. However, if any hopes are still reserved to us of recovering some part at least of what we have lost, I shall not think that I have made altogether so imprudent a choice. But if our present fate is unalterably fixed—ah! my dearest *Terentia*, if we are utterly and for ever abandoned by those gods whom you have so religiously adored, and by those men whom I have so faithfully served, let me see you as soon as possible, that I may have the satisfaction of breathing

Human nature indeed is so constituted, as to be incapable of lonely satisfactions: man, like those plants which are formed to embrace others, is led by an instinctive impulse to recline on his species. *Tully*.

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XXX. APRIL.

I began to contemplate the prospect of the countries around me! Ægina was behind, Megara before me; Piræus on the right; Corinth on the left; all which towns, once famous and flourishing, now lie overturned and buried in their ruins: upon this sight, I could not but think presently within myself, Alas! how do we poor mortals fret and vex ourselves, if any of our friends happen to die, or to be killed, whose life is yet so short, when the carcases of so many noble cities lie here exposed to me in one view? Why wilt thou not then command thyself, Servius, and remember, that thou art born a man?—*Sulpicius to Cicero.*

Acts.

out my last departing sigh in your arms.... I am just going to embark, and purpose to pass through Macedonia, in my way to Cyzicum.... I entreat you to take all possible care of your health, and be assured, your misfortunes more sensibly affect me than my own. Adieu! my Terentia, thou most faithful and best of wives! Adieu. And thou, my dearest daughter [Tulliola] together with that other consolation of my life, my dear son, I bid you both most tenderly farewell."

Julius Cæsar upon this same day, refuses the Helvetian deputies a passage through his province; and after vainly attempting to ford the Rhone, in his despite, the Swiss army enter the country of Autun, by the pass of Besançon, and lay it waste with fire and sword, B. C. 58. It was also upon the present day, B. C. 46, that Cæsar wrote his letter of condolence to *Cicero*, dated from Hispalis (Seville,) upon the loss of his daughter, Tulliola, the wife of Dolabella, one of the most esteemed and learned of the Roman ladies, and prized by her father as the apple of his sight.

Licinius defeats the Emperor Galerius Maximinus, at *Heraclea*, A. D. 313.

The city of Moscow is founded by Duke George I., 1156. Its present population, in round numbers, is three hundred and twenty thousand.

Henry IV. replies to Louis, Duke of Orleans, who had reproached him with rebellion, usurpation, and the murder of Richard II., 1403: "If you mean that we had any hand in his death, we say that you lie, and will lie falsely, as often as you shall assert it: as the true God knows, whom we call to witness our innocence, offering, as a loyal prince ought, our body against yours, if you will or dare to prove it."

Rhetoric is the power of perceiving in every thing that which is capable of producing persuasion. *Aristotle.*

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XXX. APRIL.

No gradual bloom is wanting; from the bud,
First-born of Spring, to Summer's musky tribes:
Nor hyacinths, of purest virgin white,
Low-bent, and blushing inward; nor jonquils,
Of potent fragrance; nor Narcissus fair,
As o'er the fabled fountain hanging still.—*Thomson.*

Acts.

By an order of the Society of Lincoln's Inn, 1431, it was provided that there should be four *Revels* (masked dances) in that year, and no more; one at the feast of All-Hallowe'en; another at the feast of *St. Erkenwald* (this day); the third at the feast of the Purification; and the fourth at Midsummer-day.

William de la Pole, the exiled Duke of Suffolk, sails from Ipswich, but is murdered off the coast, 1450.—*See 2d May.* This duke married Alice, grandaughter of the poet Chaucer.

Richard, Duke of Gloucester, arrests the Lords Rivers and Gray, at Stony Stratford, on their passage with the young king (Edward V.) to the capital, 1483.

The skirmish at Edinburgh, called "*Cleanse the Causeway,*" between the Earls of Arran and Angus, 1519.

The new Creed, termed *the King's Book,* is approved by the houses of convocation, and made the standard of English orthodoxy, 1542.

Lord Burleigh gives a grand entertainment to the French commissioner at Exeter House in the Strand, 1581. The unfortunate *Charles* finds a temporary asylum at Downholm, in Norfolk, 1646.—*See 5th May.* The last execution at Halifax, under the *Gibbet-law,* 1650. The Royal warrant is issued for the establishment of a military college at Greenwich, 1741. The memorable battle of extermination at *Fontenoy,* 1745.

Sir Wm. Jones is elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, 1772. General Washington is inaugurated President of the United States, 1789. The dreadful eruption of the Souffriere mountain, in St. Vincent, 1812.

The foundation-stone of the London University is laid, 1827:—its establishment is dated the 11th of February 1826. The King's College and the London Institution hold their *annual* meetings upon this day.

The planet *Venus* is in diameter 7498 miles, and performs her annual orbit round the Sun in 224 days, 16 hours, 49 minutes, 10 seconds.

The time, it wasteth night and day; and stealeth from us, as doth the stream that turneth never again. *Chaucer.*

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SPRING.

As the nightingale drops into the nest of the rose.—*Hafez.*

Come, live with me and be my love,
  And we will all the pleasures prove,
That grove or valley, hill or field,
  Or wood and steepy mountain yield.

Where we will sit on rising rocks,
  And see the shepherds feed their flocks
By shallow rivers, to whose falls
  Melodious birds sing madrigals.

Pleas'd will I make thee beds of roses,
  And twine a thousand fragrant posies;
A cap of flowers, and rural kirtle,
  Embroider'd all with leaves of myrtle.

A jaunty gown of finest wool,
  Which from our pretty lambs we pull;
And shoes lin'd choicely for the cold,
  With buckles of the purest gold.

A belt of straw, and ivy buds,
  With coral clasps, and amber studs;
If these, these pleasures can thee move,
  To live with me, and be my love.—*Marlowe.*

His combe was redder than the fin corall,
Enbattelled, as it were a castel wall.
His bill was black, and as the jet it shone;
Like asure were his legges and his tone;
His nailes whiter than the lily flour,
And like the burned gold was his colour.—*Chaucer.*

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MAIUS.

Under the Protection of Apollo.

Pocula Castaliæ plena ministret aquæ.---*Ovid.*

'Tis Fancy, in her fiery car,
Transports me to the thickest war,
There whirls me o'er the hills of slain,
Where Tumult and Destruction reign;
Where, mad with pain, the wounded steed
Tramples the dying and the dead:
Where giant Terrour stalks around,
With sullen joy surveys the ground,
And, pointing to th' ensanguin'd field,
Shakes his dreadful gorgon shield!
O Nymph with loosely flowing hair,
With buskin'd leg, and bosom bare,
Thy waist with myrtle-girdle bound,
Thy brows with Indian feathers crown'd,
Whose rapid wings thy flight convey
Through air, and over earth and sea,
While the vast various landscape lies
Conspicuous to thy piercing eyes;
Conduct us from this horrid scene
To high-arch'd walks and alleys green,
Where *Autumn* cooling caverns seeks,
And stains with wine his jolly cheeks.
O queen of numbers, once again
Animate some chosen swain,
Who, fill'd with unexhausted fire,
May boldly smite the sounding lyre;
With terrour shake, with pity move,
Rouse with revenge, or melt with love;
With native beauties win applause,
Beyond cold critics' studied laws:
O let each Muse's fame increase,
And bid *Britannia* rival *Greece!*—*Joseph Warton.*

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MAY.

The fair and spicy daughter of the morn.—*Davenant.*

RISE, and put on your foliage, and be seen
To come forth, like the spring-time, fresh and green,
And sweet as Flora. Take no care
For jewels for your gown or hair;
Fear not, the leaves will strew
Gems in abundance upon you;
Besides, the childhood of the day has kept
Against you come, some orient pearls unwept.
Come, and receive them while the light
Hangs on the dew-locks of the night;
And Titan on the eastern hill
Retires himself, or else stands still
Till you come forth. Then, sin no more by staying;
Few beads are best, when once we go a Maying.

Hesperides.

ONCE did she hold the gorgeous East in fee;
And was the safeguard of the West: the worth
Of Venice did not fall below her birth,
Venice the eldest child of Liberty.
She was a maiden city, bright and free;
No guile seduced, no force could violate;
And when she took unto herself a mate,
She must espouse the everlasting sea.
And what if she had seen those glories fade,
Those titles vanish, and that strength decay;
Yet shall some tribute of regret be paid,
When her long life hath reached its final day:
Men are we, and must grieve when even the shade
Of that which once was great is pass'd away.—*Wordsworth.*

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O, LIBERTY! thou goddess heavenly bright,
Profuse of bliss, and pregnant with delight!
Eternal pleasures in thy presence reign,
And smiling Plenty leads thy wanton train;
Eas'd of her load, Subjection grows more light,
And Poverty looks cheerful in thy sight;
Thou mak'st the gloomy face of Nature gay,
Giv'st beauty to the Sun, and pleasure to the day.

Addison.

WHEN in mid-air the golden trump shall sound,
To raise the nations under ground;
When in the valley of Jehoshaphat,
The judging God shall close the book of fate;
When rattling bones together fly
From the four corners of the sky;
When sinews o'er the skeletons are spread,
Those cloth'd with flesh, and life inspires the dead;
The sacred poets first shall hear the sound,
And foremost from the tomb shall bound,
For they are cover'd with the lightest ground;
And straight, with inborn vigour, on the wing,
Like mounting larks to the new morning sing.
There thou, sweet saint! before the choir shall go,
The way which thou so well hast learnt below.—*Dryden.*

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I. MAY.

Which removeth the mountains, and they know not, overturning them in his anger: which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble: which commandeth the sun and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars: which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea: which maketh to appear Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

Book of Job.

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Cal. 1.	Wm. Lilly, 1602, *Diseworth.* Frederic Spanheim, *the younger*, 1632, *Geneva.* Sebastian de Vauban, 1633, *Nivernois.* Dr. Woodward, 1665, *Derbysh.* Joseph Addison, 1672, *Milston.* *Sir Arthur Wellesley*, Duke of Wellington, 1769, *Dangan Castle.*] **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. James the Less (*otherwise the Just*), Apostle *and Martyr*, 62. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Philip *of Bethsaida*, Apostle, d. *at Hierapolis*, c. 90. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Andeolus *of Gaul*, *M.* 208. Sts. Acius and Acheolus (*in French* Sts. Ach and Acheul), *Martyrs at Amiens*, c. 290. St. Amator, *Bp. of Auxerre*, 418. St. Brieuc (or Briocus) *of Great Britain*, Bishop, 502. St. Marcou (or Marculfus), *Abbot in Normandy*, d. 558.	Arcadius (Emperor), 408. d. *Constantinople.* Maud the Good, (*of England*), 1118. Albert I. (Emperor), 1308. *assassinated in Switzerland.* John Dryden, 1700. d. *Gerard Street.* (Westminster Abbey.) Claude de Vert, 1708. *Abbeville.* Abbé Francis Paris, 1727. *St. Medard's, Paris.* Dr. John Rogers, 1729. *Ensham.* Thomas Earl of Coningsby, 1729. Nicholas Coustou, 1733. d. *Paris.* John Alphonso Turretini, 1737. d. *Geneva.* J. B. Oudri, 1755. d. *Paris.* Wm. Duncan, 1760. *Aberdeen.* Louis de Backaumont, 1771. William Hewson, 1774. Israel Lyons, 1775. J. B. de St. Palaye, 1781. d. *Paris.* Miles Cooper, 1785. *Edinburgh.* Marshal J. B. Bessieres, 1813. *killed near Lutzen.* James Delille, 1813. d. *Paris.*

Forsake not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him: a new friend is as new wine; when it is old, thou shalt drink it with pleasure.—*Ecclesiasticus.*

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I. MAY.

Abundant, blessed; thou who sepiercing sight
Extends beneath the gloomy silent night;
All nature's tribes to thee their diff'rence owe,
And changing seasons from thy music flow:
Hence to thy care, the figur'd seal's consign'd,
Which stamps the world with forms of every kind.—*Orpheus.*

Acts.

MAIUS. The present month and *Junius*, its successor, would seem to rest upon a positive and settled origin, when we are assured that the first Roman devoted this to the *majores*, the heads and majesty of the kingdom, and the latter to those youth, *juniores*, who being beneath the age for magistracy, had upheld it by their arms. But as the month of May was sacred to Mercury, who was the offspring of *Maia*, the brightest of the Pleiades (some princess the destinies had *cut out*, for her virtues, into a sweet star), and as the *Bona Dea*, Maia Cybele, received also her worship in the house of the chief magistrate, upon the *calends*, it is probable that Numa substituted the last two months for those civil holidays, and gave undivided rites to the Mother of harvest and production. In eastern latitudes the Earth is now in her *maturity*. The golden *Apollo* that dispensed this universal laughter over the undulating furrows of Asia, received his homage in numerous houses; at Delphi, Didyma, at Abæ in Phocis, Claros, Larissa, Eutresis, Orope, Ichnæa, Corypæ, Hybla, Orobiæ, Tegyræ, on the Mounts Ptous, Ismenus, and Parnassus, and in his birth-nest at Delos, whence he sent forth his first and purest oracles,—the best were but crooked mutilations of the Babylonian records, and the fountain of Grecian mythology.—*See 7th May.* Apollo was the *Orus* of the Egyptians; according to Bryant the *Chus* of the Mosaic narrative; but *like* Saturnus he left his home, saith Claudian, and found an asylum among the *Hyperboreans*.

The *Lares Præstites* or little household guardians of stone received their offerings upon this day. They were placed before the hearths and gates of the Roman mansions, with the image of a dog at their feet, *in terrorem*, as emblems of the vigilance or piety of the inhabitants.

We ought by all means to cut off from the body sickness, from the soul ignorance, from the belly luxury, from the city sedition, from a family discord, and from all things, excess. *Pythagoras.*

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I. MAY.

As Sappha home did bring
The treasure of the Spring,
Her apron gave, as she did pass,
An odour more divine,
More pleasing, too, than ever was
The lap of Proserpine.—*Hesperides.*

Acts.

THE FLORALIA. The first day of May, *par excellence* was *the* day of pleasure and delight, when Flora threw out from her "*pictured urn,*" (two-handled like the Greek *Psi*, figuring the two months of her dominion) to the smiling Hours, the messengers of the Graces, every blossom that perfumes or variegates the Spring. Her festivals are coeval with the Seasons; but appear to have been discontinued at Rome, although commanded by a Sibylline *oracle*, for a winter of sixty-six years, until restored in all their fragrance under the consuls Lænas and Posthumius, B. C. 173. From Flora we derive our *Lady of May*, and that crested mast which *once*, as Pope sings, '*overlook'd the Strand.*' The "*Morris-dance*" was an ancient English game peculiar to this day. Before the time of Queen Elizabeth it was composed of twelve figures. 1. The Bavaan fool, with his yellow slabbering bib. 2. Maid Marian, the Queen of May, with a golden crown upon her head, hair dishevelled, and in her left hand a red pink, as the emblem of summer. (Their May Day of course now falls twelve days later.) 3. A Franciscan friar, in the full clerical tonsure, with corded girdle and wallet, the grey-russet habit, a chaplet of white and red beads in his right hand, and looks, expressive of humility, *commencing* with the ground. 4. Hocus Pocus, *in a juggler's jerkin*, with the Epimedium, upon his forehead. 5. The Hobby-horse, was a steed of pasteboard, in which the master danced and displayed tricks of legerdemain, such as threading the needle, "daggers in the nose," &c.: his golden crown indicates the monarch of the May. 6. A clown, or villane. 7. A franklin, or gentleman. 8. The May-pole, painted yellow and black in spiral lines. Upon it were displayed the red cross of St. George, or the banner of England, and a white pennon emblazoned. 9. Tom, the Piper, as the ancient minstrel, with his pipe and *tambour de basque*. 10. A Spaniard, with flying sleeves. 11. A Morisco, in a purple coronetted cap and feather, and 12. The counterfeit fool, with his bauble, cock's-comb and bell, and what a foolscap never lacked, the asinine auricles.

The mean, the music makes in every thing.---*Herrick.*

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I. MAY.

Methinks, I see great Dioclesian walk
In the Salonian garden's noble shade,
Which by his own imperial hands was made:
I see him smile, methinks, as he does talk
With the ambassadors, who come in vain
T' intice him to a throne again.—*Cowley's Garden.*

Acts.

THE MONTHS. The fifth month, *Maius* of the Julian calendar, agrees with the third moon, *Pachon*, in the old, and the ninth of the new Egyptian year; with the ninth civil, and the third sacred moon, *Sivan*, of the Jews; with the ninth moon, *Adar*, of the Persians; with the ninth moons, *Dæsius*, *Plethutatus*, and *Arius*, of the Syro-Macedonians, Paphians, and Bithynians; with the ninth moons, *Ginboth*, *Bashansh*, and *Anki*, of the Ethiopian, Coptic, and Armenian calendars; with the eighth solar month, *Icar*, of the Syrians; with the twelfth and concluding month, *Scirophorion*, of the Athenian year; the ninth, *Panemus*, of the Macedonians, and the fifth, *Artemisius*, of their solar year; and with the eleventh moons, *Dulkaiadath*, and *Zilkaade*, of the Arabians and Turks. By the ancient Saxons it was called *Tri-milchi*, a pastoral title from the dairy, and by the Dutch and Germans *Blou* month, as florists. Upon this day, B. C. 129, the prætors of *Pergamus* issued a singular decree in which it is attested "that their ancestors were friendly to the Jews even in the time of Abraham, who was the father of all the Hebrews, *as we have found it set down in our public records.*" The Lacedemonians and Parthians were also from the same reverend stock.

Dioclesian in the twenty-first year of his reign abdicates the imperial throne in the presence of his soldiery and a multitude of people, from a hill upon a plain about three miles from Nicomedia, 305. Maximian resigned *his* share of the imperial dignity at Milan upon the same day. When this ambitious old man afterwards solicited Dioclesian to resume the purple, the latter, with a smile of commiseration, calmly replied "that if he could show Maximian the *cabbages* which he had planted with his own hands at Salona, he should no longer be urged to relinquish the enjoyment of happiness for the pursuit of power."

It is as proper for age to retire, as for youth to produce itself in the world.
Temple.

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I. MAY.

Now the bright Morning-star, day's harbinger,
Comes dancing from the east, and leads with her
The flowery May, who from her green lap throws
The yellow cowslip and the pale primrose.
Hail, bounteous May, that dost inspire
Mirth, and youth, and warm desire;
Woods and groves are of thy dressing,
Hill and dale, doth boast thy blessing!—*Milton.*

Acts.

All the Italian merchants in the realm of France (called *money-lenders*) are seized this night, by command of Philip the Fair, for their *ransoms*, 1291.—A splendid just is held at Smithfield during the first five days of May 1362, which was attended by Edward III. and his Queen, with the flower of the chivalry of England and France, and knights from divers other nations. Edward IV. privately espouses, at Grafton Regis, the Lady Elizabeth Woodville, widow of Sir John Grey, 1464. It was a Latin proverb:—"mense malas maio nubere."—The *Evil May Day* records the insurrection at London under John of Lincoln, 1517. Charles V. reduces and severely punishes Ghent, his native city, N. S. 1540.

James VI. of Scotland lands at Leith, from Copenhagen, with his new-married spouse, Ann of Denmark, 1590. He left his dominions upon this nuptial expedition the 22nd of October, 1589.

Queen Bess went *a-maying* to Sir Richard Buckley's at Lewisham, (her last Spring), 1602. Pepys notes, "My wife away to Woolwich in order to a little air, and to lie there to-night, and so to gather May-dew to-morrow morning, which Mrs. Turner hath taught her is the only thing in the world to wash her face with; and I am contented with it." Again, at the *Hague*, 1660: "We were made to understand the intention of *May-poles*, which we saw there at every great man's door, of different greatness, according to the quality of the person."

The decrees of the *Synod of Dort* are publicly read, when the council was dissolved, 1619. This famous Calvinistic convocation first assembled the 13th of November, 1618, and was composed of six members from each of the provinces, twelve from North and South Holland, two from the country of Drent, with deputies from London and ten other foreign cities or republics.—The letter of Charles II. from Breda, addressed to the House of Commons, is received bare-headed by that assembly, when he was acknowledged King *de facto*, and an immediate supply of fifty-thousand pounds was ordered to be transmitted, 1660.

Consider me always as the banker of the distressed, and I will honour your bill:—to assist merit in distress is an Epicurean feast. *Eliza Montague.*

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I. MAY.

Nature I'll court in her sequester'd haunts
By mountain, meadow, streamlet, grove, or cell,
Where the pois'd lark his evening ditty chaunts,
And Health, and Peace, and Contemplation dwell.
White-mantled Innocence, ethereal sprite,
Shall chase far off the goblins of the night;
And Independence o'er the day preside,
Propitious power! my patron, and my pride.—*Smollett.*

Acts.

UPON this day the herdsmen in the Highlands of Scotland performed a kind of rustic charm and sacrifice, called *Bel-tein:* by which it was imagined their sheep and cattle were protected from destruction throughout the year. The custom resembles the Roman *Palilia,* and seems to have been derived from the Phœnician shepherds.

The union of England with Scotland is consummated, 1707.

The triennial act is repealed, 1716. Fort Louis, at the mouth of the Senegal, is taken by the English, 1758. It was restored to the French at the late peace. Guadaloupe, one of the French Caribbee Islands, surrenders, 1759; it was restored in 1814. Gibbon concludes the *fourth* volume of his History, immortal as its subject, 1786. The Indian war commences with Tippoo Saheb, Sultan of Mysore, 1790. The Vice-chancellor of Great Britain, Sir Thomas Plomer, sits for the first time in Lincoln's Inn Hall, upon the creation of that office, 1813:—the talents of Sir John Leach gave it dignity. The first fair at *Riga,* is held during this month. The Horticultural Society holds its *annual* assembly upon the present day. The rainy season beigns now in Abyssinia, when the sun becomes vertical; and at Siam, the falls, during this and the following month, are *incessant.* This is the period of harvest in Palestine; and the fruits are ripe at Algiers. The sun *rises* with us in England at about half-past four o'clock; and *sets* about twenty minutes past seven o'clock. Upon the 25th of June it will *rise* at about forty minutes past three o'clock, and *set* at about a quarter past eight o'clock; after which day, the nights begin insensibly to lengthen.

The number of the dead long exceedeth all that shall live. The night of time far surpasseth the day, and who knows when was the equinox?—*Browne.*

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II. MAY.

Then came fair May, the fairest maid on ground,
Deckt all with dainties of her season's pride,
And throwing flowres out of her lap around:
Upon two brethren's shoulders she did ride,
The twins of Leda; which on either side
Supported her like to their sovereign Queen.
Lord! how all creatures laugh'd, when they her spied,
And leapt and danc'd, as they had ravish'd been!
And Cupid self about her fluttered all in green.—*Spenser.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VI. Non. 2.	William Camden, 1551, *Old Bailey, London.* Edward Bernard, 1638, *Perry St. Paul, near Towcester.* Dr. Lewis Atterbury, 1656, *Caldecot.* Henry, Earl Bathurst, 1714. Catharine II. (*of Russia*), 1729, *Stetin upon Oder.* In May and June come pinks of all sorts, especially the blush pink; honey-suckles, strawberries, columbine, the French marigold, flos Africanus, figs in fruit, rasps, vine flowers, lavender in flowers, the sweet satyrian, herba muscaria, lilium convallium, and roses of all kinds, except the musk, which comes later. *Bacon.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Athanasius, *Patriarch of Alexandria,* Doctor of the Church, (*translation*), 373.	William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, *beh.* 1450. *Wingfield.* St. Antoninus, the Less, 1459. Leonardo da Vinci, 1520. d. *Fontainebleau.* Sebastian Brandt, 1520. died, *Strasburg.* Joan (Bocher) of Kent, *burned,* 1550. Anthony (*of Portugal*), 1595. d. *Paris.* Horace Vere, Baron Tilbury, 1635. *Abbey.* George Wither, 1667. (*Quo?*) Archbishop (James) Sharp, 1679. *assassinated, Magask Moor.* (St. Andrew's.) Sir George Mackenzie, 1691. *Edinburgh.* Lawrence Hyde, Earl of Rochester, 1711. *Abbey.* Leonor Soulas d'Allainval, 1753. d. *Paris.* John Lewis de Beaumont, 1785. d. *Mesnil.* Hester Lynch Piozzi, 1821. d. *Clifton.* Sylvester, Lord Glenbervie, 1823.

I grow and wither, both together!—*Wither's Emblem.*

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II. MAY.

Immodest words admit of no defence,
For want of decency is want of sense.—*Roscommon.*

Acts.

LAMBERT SIMNEL, the imposter, is crowned in Christ Church, Dublin, by the style of *Edward the Sirth*, the Lord Deputy, Gerald, Earl of Kildare, with other nobles, assisting at the ceremony, 1487.

Columbus discovers *Jamaica*, and on the 5th day, he anchored in a port on its north side, now St. Anna, 1494.

The *execution* of Joan of Kent, for heresy, 1550. "It is a goodly matter to consider your ignorance: it was not long ago that you burnt Ann Askew for a piece of *bread*, and yet came yourselves soon after to believe and profess the same doctrine for which you burned her; and forsooth, you will needs burn me for a piece of *flesh*; and in the end will come to believe this also, when you have read the Scriptures and understand them."

Mary, Queen of Scots, aided by the gallant George Douglas, escapes this night from Lochleven Castle, in Kinross-shire, 1568.

"A pleasant conceited history, called *The Taming of a Shrew*," is entered by Peter Short, printer, 1594. Shakspeare's comedy, with the same title, was distinguished in 1598, by the name of "*Love's Labour Won*." Upon the same day, in 1608, was entered, by Thomas Pavyer, "*The Yorkshire Tragedy*," a book written by Wylliam Shakespere; but it is very questionable whether he wrote this play *entirely*.

Fernand de Quiros discovers the *New Hebrides*, in Australasia, afterwards explored by Cook, 1606.

The *stately* cross in Cheapside is demolished by the Parliament, 1643: the tall *May-pole* of the Strand, shared an equal fate. The *massacre* at Madrid, by a French detachment charged by Murat, 1808. The battle of *Lutzen*, 1813:—Napoleon, who kept the field, entered Dresden on the sixth day. He left Paris this day, in 1815, to meet the allied armies.

The espousals of the lamented Princess Charlotte of Wales and the Prince Leopold, of Cobourg, are solemnized at Carlton Palace, 1816. Don Pedro resigns the throne of Portugal in favour of his daughter, *Donna Maria II. da Gloria*, 1826. The *second* fair of Novi, in the Milanese. Here begins the season to angle for the chub, ruff, pike, gudgeon, eel, dace, bleak, and finnock. The palm-tree of the desert, which is bi-sexual, expands its odorous blossoms about this time.

They are ill discoverers that think there is no land, when they can see nothing but sea. *Bacon.*

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Be greatly cautious of your sliding hearts:
Dare not th' infectious sigh; the pleading look,
Downcast, and low, in meek submission drest,
But full of guile. Let not the fervent tongue,
Prompt to deceive, with adulation smooth,
Gain on your purpos'd will. Nor in the bower,
Where woodbines flaunt, and roses shed a couch,
While Evening draws her crimson curtains round,
Trust your soft minutes with betraying man.—*Thomson.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
v. Non. 3.	Nicholas Machiavel, 1469, *Florence.* Dean (Humphrey) Prideaux, 1648, *Padstow.* Adolphus Frederic II. (*of Sweden*), 1710. Augustus Frederick Kotzebue, 1761, *Weimar.*	Alexander V. (Pope), 1410. Mahomet II. (*Emperor*), 1481. Henry Gurnet, 1606. *hanged, St. Paul's.* Dr. Isaac Dorislaus, 1649. *assassinated, Holland.* (St. Margaret's.) Sir Richard Cox, 1733. George Psalmanazar, 1763. Sir John Coxe Hippisley, 1825.

Speak kindly of your absent friends, to those that are present, that they may not think you unmindful of themselves, when they are absent.

Isocrates.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Alexander, *Pope*, Eventius, and Theodulus, *Martyrs*, 119.
St. Juvenal, *Bishop in Umbria, Martyr*, c. 367.
St. Conlaeth, 1st *Bishop of Kildare*, 519.

I heard that he had been dead near three months, and felt a strong desire to see where they had lain him—when, upon pulling out his little horn box, as I sat by his grave, and plucking up a nettle or two at the head of it, which had no business to grow there, they all struck together so forcibly upon my affections, that I burst into a flood of tears—but I am as weak as a woman; and I beg the world not to smile, but pity me.

Sterne.

Never upbraid any one with his misfortunes, for fortune is common to all, and nobody can see into futurity. *Isocrates.*

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III. MAY.

We are principally concerned in knowing—not the origin of arts, or the recondite depths of science---not the histories of mighty empires, desolating the globe by their contentions---not the subtleties of logic, the mysteries of metaphysics, the sublimities of poetry, or the niceties of criticism: but what will become of us after death, and if we are to live again. *Dr. Watson.*

Acts.

THE INVENTION OF THE CROSS. The festival of *Holy-rood-day*, which belongs both to the Latin and Greek, as well as to the English church, commemorates the discovery (inventio), by the Empress Helena, in the year 326, of the *Holy Cross* upon which our Saviour was put to death. The rubric-board affixed was one foot in length, and its inscription in the three tongues, comprised in five lines, and expressed by *red letters*.

The border feud happened upon this day at *Reedsquair*, between the English and Scottish march-men, 1575, when the former with Sir John Foster (who was a prisoner), were completely beaten. This skirmish was the last of any note between the two nations.

The sentence of fine and imprisonment is passed by the House of Peers upon Lord Bacon, who had two days before resigned the Great Seal, 1621. King James signed a warrant for his pardon (his parliamentary sentence excepted), on the 12th of October following.

Evelyn, at Paris, notes 1650: "At the hospital of La Charité I saw the operation of cutting for the stone. A child of eight or nine years old, underwent the operation with most extraordinary patience."

Jamaica is taken from the Spaniards under the Protectorship, 1655.

Swift executes his last will, 1740, by which he endowed *St. Patrick's Hospital*, for the reception of idiots and lunatics. The French fleet, off Cape Finisterre, is taken by Admiral Anson, 1747. Captain Cook discovers the Bay of *Cross* Sound in North America, 1778. Byron (with a Lieutenant Ekenhead) swims over the Dardanelles from Abydos to Sestos, like another Leander, 1810. The whole distance, including the length they were carried by the rapidity of the current, was upwards of four English miles; though the actual breadth is barely one.

Captain Ross sails from Shetland, to ascertain the existence of a passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, by way of Davis's Straits and Baffin's Bay, 1818. They returned to Shetland on the 30th of October, and brought home a quantity of *red snow*, which amused the chymists.

Methinks seraphic and our common lovers behold exterior beauties with a difference resembling that, wherewith children and astronomers consider Galileo's optic glasses: which the one prizes most for what they appear; the other, for what they discover. *Boyle.*

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IV. MAY.

Gods may descend in factions from the skies,
And rivers from their oozy beds arise;
Fiction may deck the truth with spurious rays,
And round the hero cast a borrow'd blaze.
Marlborough's exploits appear divinely bright,
And proudly shine in their own native light;
Rais'd of themselves, their genuine charms they boast,
And those who paint them truest praise them most.

The Campaign.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Non. 4.	Francis Peck, 1692. *Stamford.* David, Earl of Leven, 1722. John Charles Borda, 1733, *Dax, in Gascony.*	Bishop Richard de Belmeis, 1162. Prince Edward, (of Wales), *murdered*, 1471. *Tewkesbury.* Louis XIII. (*of France*), 1643. Dr. Isaac Barrow, 1677. *Westminster Abbey.* Faustina Azzi de Forti, 1724. Cardinal Louis de Noailles, 1729. *Paris.* Sir James Thornhill, 1734. d. *Thornhill.* Eustace Budgell, 1737. *drowned, Thames.* Charles Louis Camus. 1768. Tippoo Saheb, 1799. *killed, Seringapatam.*

"I leave my second son, said the expiring miser, my whole estate." *Andrew*, in a sorrowful *tone*, prayed Heaven "to prolong his father's life and health to enjoy it himself." "I recommend *Simon* to the care of his elder brother, and leave him beside four thousand pounds." "Ah! father," cried Simon, (in great affliction to be sure,) "may Heaven give you life and health to enjoy it yourself."—*The Bee.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Monica, *Widow*, 387.
St. Godard, *Bishop of Hildeisheim*, d. 1038.

At last, turning to poor *Dick*, "As for you, you have always been a sad dog, you'll never come to good, you'll never be rich; I'll leave you a shilling to buy a halter."—"Ah! father," cries Dick, without any emotion, "may Heaven give you life and health to enjoy it yourself."

Let there be no drinking round the dead; no festoons or perfumes carried to funerals. *Twelve Tables.*

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IV. MAY.

The coxcomb bird, so talkative and grave,
That from his cage cries cuckold, whore, and knave,
Though many a passenger he rightly call,
You hold him no philosopher at all.—*Pope.*

Acts.

THE eventful victory of the York partisans at *Tewkesbury*, 1471: "Distrust and dismay spread through the ranks of the Lancastrians: the rampart was but faintly defended: first the banner of the Duke of Gloucester, soon that of Edward, waved in the midst of the camp: and Somerset in despair, riding upto Lord Wenlock, at one stroke beat out his brains. The Queen and her son were made prisoners. The former was reserved to grace the conqueror's triumph; the latter was led to his tent, and being asked what had brought him to England, boldly but ingenuously replied, "To preserve my father's crown and my own inheritance." Edward had the barbarity to strike the young prince in the face with his gauntlet: Clarence and Gloucester, *or perhaps the knights in their retinue*, dispatched him with their swords." It was twelve years after this tragedy, upon the same day, that Richard was acknowledged by the chief nobility, *Protector* of the realm, and of the person of his nephew, Edward V. son of the last monarch; an event which took place in the palace of the Bishop of London, 1483. The Duke assumed the style, on this occasion, of "brother and uncle of kings, protector and defensor, great chamberlain, constable, and lord high admiral of England."

The capture of Seringapatam by General Harris, 1799. The kingdom of the Mysore was extinguished and divided on the 24th of June following.

The ex-Emperor makes his public entrance into Elba, 1814. It was on the 20th of April that he called his officers about him for the last time at *Fontainbleau*: "For you, gentlemen, I am no longer to be with you; you have another government; and it will become you to attach yourselves to it frankly, and serve it as faithfully as you have served me." Very few scenes like *this* have occurred in history, or which men as members of the world are more tenacious of remembering and preserving.

A treaty is concluded between Great Britain and the Netherlands, for abolishing that badge of Antichrist the Slave Trade, 1818.

Economy is of itself a great revenue.—*Cicero.*

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V. MAY.

In the great place of punishment there are seven gates for the wicked; the first for the Mussulmen; the second for the Christians; the third for the Jews; the fourth for the Sabians; the fifth for the Magians; the sixth for the Pagans; and the seventh for the Hypocrites of all religions. ***Book of the Turks.***

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
III. Non. 5.	*Saint* Paula, A. D. 347, *Rome.* Justinianus (Emperor), 482, *Tauresium, in Bulgaria.* Thomas Cecil, Earl of Exeter, 1542. Laws are not made like lime-twigs, or nets, to catch at every thing that toucheth them; but rather like seamarks, to guide from shipwreck the ignorant passenger.—*Sir Philip Sidney.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Hilary, *Archbishop of Arles,* (the supposed author of the Athanasian Creed,) d. 449. St. Mauront, *Abbot of Breüil,* d. 706. St. Avertin *of Touraine,* 1189. St. Angelus, a Carmelite Friar, *Martyr,* 1225. St. Pius V. (Pope), 1572.	Frederick the Wise, *(of Saxony),* 1526. Paulus Æmilius, 1529. *Paris.* Sir Henry Sidney, 1586. d. *Ludlow.* Francis Annibal d'Estrées, d. *Paris.* Edw. Earl of Manchester, 1671. Robert, Earl of Roxburgh, 1682. *drowned, Lemon-Ore.* Dr. Daniel Brevint, 1695. *Lincoln.* Stephen Morin, 1700. d. *Amsterdam.* Leopold I. *(Emperor),* 1705. Nicholas Poisson, 1710. died, *Lyons.* John Pichon, 1751. Lawrence Shirley, Earl Ferrers, 1760. *executed, Tyburn.* Mary Countess of Molesworth, 1763. *burned accidentally.* T. Davies, 1785. *Covent Garden.* Jos. Baretti, 1789. *Marylebone.* Adolp. Murray, 1803. d. *Upsal.* P. Cabanis, 1808. d. *Meulan.* Napoleon Buonaparte, 1821. *St. Helena.*

I doubt whether it be not true, that we hate those faults most in others which we are guilty of ourselves. ***Shenstone.***

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V. MAY.

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under Heaven: Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Lybia about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, all these did hear, every man in their several *tongues*, the wonderful works of God. *Sacred History.*

Acts.

PENTECOST. The feast of weeks, or of the wheat harvest and first-fruits, was the morrow after seven sabbaths, on the *fiftieth* day from the evening of the Sabbath succeeding the passover.—*See 16th March.* It was during this *Sunday*, the first day of the week, at the hour of *nine* in the morning, that the DIVINE SPIRIT was shed forth on the Apostles.—*Acts* ii. 1. It is also the universal opinion of the Jews that then (third new moon, *Chodhesh*,) THE LAW was given on Mount Sinai, namely, the fiftieth day after the flight from Raamses in Egypt, B. C. 1491.

King Charles proceeds from Norfolk to the lodgings of Montrevil, the French envoy, at *Southwell*, in Nottinghamshire, by whom he was introduced to the Earl of Leven, and the officers of his staff, 1646. In a few days the Scottish leaders broke up their camp before Newark, and retired with their royal captive to Newcastle. The civil war of swords was now at an end, and Henderson, a presbyterian minister, was sent down to dispute with Charles, respecting the institution of *Episcopacy*; but the monarch was too argumentative for the divine, who died shortly after, it is said, with deep contrition, the victim of his logic.

The Judges, in 1680, unanimously declare, "that his majesty may by law prohibit the publication of all news-books and pamphlets of news whatsoever, not licensed by his authority." James, Duke of York, is wrecked in the *Gloster* man-of-war, upon the sand-bank called the Lemon-ore, about twelve leagues from Yarmouth, against the mouth of Humber, 1682. The survivors preserved themselves with great difficulty. The assembly of the States-General opens at Paris, 1789. Nelson receives his appointment, lying at Kioge Bay, *in the Baltic*, of commander-in-chief, upon the recall of Sir Hyde Parker, 1801. Garrick's sale, 1825. The original cup carved from Shakspeare's mulberry-tree, and presented to the great actor by the corporation of Stratford, during the jubilee in September, 1769, was then tapped down to Mr. J. Johnson, of Southampton Street, in the Strand, for £127 and one shilling.

Nature confesses that she gave susceptible hearts to the human race when she gave them tears. *Juvenal.*

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VI. MAY.

It is very odd that these three crimes, magic, heresy, and that against nature, of which the first might easily be proved not to exist at all; the second, to be susceptible of an infinite number of distinctions, interpretations, and limitations; the third, to be often obscure and uncertain; it is very odd, I say, that these three crimes should amongst us be punished with fire.—*Montesquieu.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Non. 6.	General Andrew Massena, 1758, *Nice.* A peevish fellow is one who has some reason in himself for being out of humour, or has a natural incapacity for delight, and therefore disturbs all who are happier than himself with pishes and pshaws! or other well-bred interjections, at every thing that is said or done in his presence. There should be physic mixed in all the food of which these fellows eat in good company.—*Steele.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. John the Evangelist, *suffered* before the Latin Gate at Rome, A.D.95. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Eadbert, *Bishop of Lindisfarne*, d. 687. St. John Damascen, *Father of the Church*, d. c. 780.	Bishop Robert de Baldock, 1327. d. *Newgate Prison.* (St. Paul's.) Edmund Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, 1471. *behead. Tewkesbury.* Charles Duc de Bourbon, 1527. *killed, Rome.* John Lewis Vives, 1541. died, *Bruges.* Paul de Thermes, 1562. d. *Paris.* Sir Robert Bruce Cotton, 1631. *Connington.* Samuel Bochart, 1667. d. *Caen Academy.* Gratien de Courtilz, 1712. d. *Paris.* Andrew Michael Ramsay, 1743. *St. Germain-en-Laie.* Christopher, Marshal Schwerin, 1757. *killed, Prague.* Bishop (Samuel) Squire, 1766. Anthony d'Artigni, 1768. d. *Vienna.* Stephen de Montigni, 1782. John Gesner, (*Canon of Zurich.*) 1790.

The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were probably built of bituminous stones, and thus were set in flames by the fire of Heaven. *Malte Brun.*

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VI. MAY.

And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of *Job*.

Acts.

THE festival of *Job* is observed on the present day by the Greek church.

Marcius Rutilus, the first Dictator elected from the plebeians, enters Rome in triumph for his victory over the Etrurians, B. C. 356. The modern city was taken by the Imperialists this day, A. D. 1527, and indiscriminately pillaged. Bourbon fell by a musket-shot in the escalade.

Ann Boleyn addresses her last letter to Henry VIII. from her *doleful prison in the Tower*, 1536: "But if you have already determined of me, and that not only my death, but an infamous slander must bring you the enjoying of your desired happiness; then I desire of God, that he will pardon your great sin therein, and likewise mine enemies, the instruments thereof; and that he will not call you to a strict account for your unprincely and cruel usage of me, at his general judgement-seat, where both you and myself must shortly appear, and in whose judgement, I doubt not, whatsoever the world may think of me, mine innocence shall be openly known, and sufficiently cleared." Cæsar's wife must not be suspected; or had some Iago poisoned the irascible monarch's ear against this gay-thoughted lady, who was living in his presence?

In the Session-records of the covenanters at Dumfries, 1652: "Margaret Davidson, spouse to James Lin, is to be rebuked in *sackcloth*, if she fall into *the three sins*, or any of them, of cursing, drunkenness, or Sabbath-breaking."

Kouli Khan, after plundering the capital of Hindostan and slaughtering one hundred and fifty thousand of the people, departs the city this day, 1739, leaving his son Mohammed Shah, whom he had crowned with his own hands, the reigning Emperor.

Frederic the Great, of Prussia, defeats the Austrians at *Prague*, 1757.

John Wilkes is released from his confinement in the Tower, by the memorable sentence of Chief Justice Pratt, *Lord Camden*, 1763.

The *Sirocco*, or south-east Syrian wind, is usually felt for several days in the neighbourhood of Naples about this period. Its singular effects are lassitude and depression of the animal spirits. It passes faintly over Palermo about the beginning of July, and sets in at Dalmatia, so early as Easter. Plants are very sensibly *injured* by this vapour.

'Tis an obelisk, which though founded in the earth, hath a spire which reaches to Heaven. *Feltham.*

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VII. MAY.

Her finger was so small, the ring
Would not stay on which they did bring;
It was too wide a peck:
And to say truth (for out it must)
It look'd like the great collar (just)
About our young colt's neck.—*Suckling.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Non. 7.	Dr. Thomas Bennet, 1673, *Salisbury.* Gerard Van-Swieten, 1700, *Leyden.*	Socrates, B. C. 399. d. *Athens, by poison.* Otho the Great, (*Emperor*), A. D. 973. *Magdeburg.* William the Bad, (*of Sicily*), 1166. Bishop (John) Longland, 1547. *Eton College.* John Guillim, 1621. Sir John Suckling, 1641. Henry de Valois, 1676. Dr. Patrick Delany, 1768. d. *Bath.* Charles de Brosses, 1777. d. *Paris.* Nicolas Piccini, 1800. d. *Passy.* William, Marquess of Landsdowne, 1805. Richard Cumberland, 1811. d. *London.* Madame du Fresnoy, 1825.

As in the body, when no natural exercise is used, the spirits, which want their due employment, turn against the constitution, and find work for themselves in a destructive way; so in the mind, unexercised, and which languishes for want of employment, the thoughts and affections, being obstructed in their due course, and deprived of their natural energy, raise disquiet, and foment a rancorous eagerness and tormenting irritation.—*Shaftesbury.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Benedict, 2d Pope, d. 686.
St. John of Beverley, *Bishop*, d. 721.
St. Stanislas, *Bishop of Cracow, Martyr*, 1079.

Not the loss of lands and houses but the loss of valuable lives is to be deplored; for lands cannot produce men; but let us keep ourselves strong in men and we shall not want for lands.
Pericles.

Neither the sun nor death are to be steadily looked at.---*Rochefoucault.*

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VII. MAY.

Many men are wise in a narrow compass, which are not so in a larger; 'tis dealing in many affairs which tries a man.---*King James.*

Acts.

THE Peloponnesian war is stated to have commenced by the allies of the Spartans, upon the 7th of May, corresponding with the second decade of *Munychion*, but see *8th April*, where the first act is recorded. The invasion of Attica took place, says Thucydides, *eighty days* after this event. It was about this day that the Athenian procession, vowed by Theseus, annually returned, from the festival of Apollo, in the Island of Delos. The beginning of the voyage (called the *ascent*) was computed from the time that Apollo's priest first decorated the stern of the vessel with garlands; when they began to cleanse and lustrate the city; and because it was considered unlawful to put any criminal to death until its return (the *descent*), the execution of Socrates was cruelly postponed for *thirty days* after his condemnation.—*See 6th April.*

The vast luminous cross appeared over Jerusalem, which was observed by the whole city, and so powerfully attested by St. Cyril, an eye-witness, in his famous letter to the Emperor Constantius, A. D. 351. This miraculous meteor was encircled by a large rainbow, and extended from the Mount Olivet to Golgotha.

The fourteenth general council and the second of *Lyons* assembles, 1274; St. Thomas Aquino expired on the way. James, King of Arragon, five hundred bishops, seventy abbots, and divers ambassadors, were present.

Lord Burleigh, as Chancellor of Cambridge, issues rules for reforming the apparel, and other *disorders* of the scholars, 1588: "and that the excess of coloured shirtbands and ruffs, exceeding one inch and a half (saving for the sons of noblemen), be avoided presently; and that no scholar do wear any long locks of hair upon his head, but that he be polled after the manner of the gravest scholars, under the pain of 6*s.* 8*d.*"

King James I. arrives at the *Chartreuse*, having created two hundred and thirty-six knights during his progress from Berwick, 1603.

The Master of the Revels' receipt of £2, 1633, "for allowing of *The Tale of the Tub*, Vitru Hoop's part being wholly struck out, and the motion of the tub, by command from my Lord Chamberlain; exceptions being taken against it by Inigo Jones, surveyor of the King's works, *as a personal injury unto him.*" Vitruvius *Hoop* represented the *machinist.*

The Russian army crossed the Pruth, against the Turks, 1828.

Long hair makes the handsome more beautiful, and the ugly more terrible.
Lycurgus.

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VIII. MAY.

Go, Michael, of celestial armies prince,
And thou, in military prowess next,
Gabriel, lead forth to battle these my sons
Invincible; lead forth my armed saints,
By thousands and by millions, rang'd for fight,
Equal in number to that godless crew
Rebellious: them with fire and hostile arms
Fearless assault; and, to the brow of Heaven
Pursuing, drive them out from God and bliss.---*Paradise Lost.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VIII. Id. 8.	Alain René le Sage, 1668, *Sarzeau in Brittany.* Charles Beauclerk, Duke of St. Albans, 1670, *Lincoln's Inn Fields.* Bishop (Beilby) Porteus, 1731, *York.*	Benedict II. (Pope), 685. Francis Paez, 1532. d. *Seville.* Bishop (Edward) Fox, 1538. *Thames Street.* Bishop (Cornelius) Jansenius, 1638. d. *Ypres.* Dr. Peter Heylin, 1662. *Abbey.* Vincent Alsop, 1703. d. *Westminster.* Archbishop (William) King, 1729. *Donnybrook.* John Clark, 1734. d. *Hull.* Giles Jacob, 1744. Benedict XIV. (Pope), 1758. Dr. Samuel Chandler, 1766. *Bunhill Fields.* Richard Jago, 1781. *Snitterfield.* Sebastian, Marquis de Pombal, 1782. d. *Pombal.* Antony Lawrence Lavoisier, *guillotined*, 1794. *The Honourable* Arthur Hodge, 1811. *hanged, Tortola.* Gilbert Burns, 1827. d. *Grant's Braes.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* The Apparition of St. Michael, *the Archangel.* St. Odrian, *Bishop and Tutelar Saint of Waterford.* [time uncertain.] St. Victor, *Martyr at Milan*, 303. St Wiro, *Bishop in Ireland*, c. 700. St. Gybrian (or Gobrian), *of Ireland*, 8th Century. St. Peter, *Archbishop of Tarentaise (or Monstiers) in Savoy*, 1174.	

The fiend look'd up, and knew his mounted scale aloft:
Nor more; but fled, and with him fled the shades of night.---*Milton.*

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VIII. MAY.

A sailor sees God's wonders in the deep, but so as they rather appear his playfellows, than stirrers of his zeal; nothing but hunger and hard rocks can convert him, and then but his upper deck, for his hold neither fears nor hopes: his wisdom is the coldest part about him, for it ever points to the north, and it lies lowest, which makes his valour every tide overflow it.—*Sir Thomas Overbury.*

Acts.

THE treaty called "*the great peace,*" is signed this day at Bretigni, 1360, by which Edward III. renounced all his claims to the French crown and territories. It was ratified at Calais the 24th of October following, by the personal oaths of the two sovereigns, Edward and the unfortunate John, together with their chief nobility.

Ferdinand and Isabella *confirm*, at Barcelona, the appointments of Columbus, upon his return from the New World, 1493: "The office of admiral of the said ocean, *which is ours*, commences by a line, which we have ordered to be marked, passing from the Azores to the Cape de Verd Islands, from the north to the south, from pole to pole; so that all which is beyond the aforesaid line to the west is ours, and belongs to us; and of all this we make and create our *admiral*, you and your children."

The siege of Orleans is *abandoned*, 1429: "At dawn, the English army was discovered at a small distance from the walls, drawn up in battle array, and braving the enemy to fight in the open field. After waiting for some hours, the signal was given: the long line of forts, the fruit of seven months' labour, was instantly in flames; and the soldiers with mingled feelings of *shame* and regret, turned their backs to the enemy." This was one of the inexplicable feats of *Joan d'Arc*.

The Parliament of Queen Elizabeth assembles, 1572; to which Dame Dorothy *Packington*, as lady of the town of Aylesbury, sent by her nomination, the *trusty and well-beloved Thomas Lichfield and George Burden, Esquires, to be her Burgesses;* and whatever they should do in the service of the Queen's highness in that present parliament, the lady thereby approved, as if she were herself present.

A *remnant* of the Long Parliament assembles, during the *anarchy*, which was termed, with an English sincerity, the *Rump*, 1659.

Charles II. is proclaimed at London: 'both houses being attending,' 1660. Upon the tenth day, the 'State's arms were pulled down from over the Speaker's chair in the House of Commons.'

Bruce's interview with the Shekh Adelan, at Aira, near *Sennaar*, 1772.

A superfluity of wealth alone can support lengthened and distant hostilities.
Pericles.

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IX. MAY.

Unmanly thought! what seasons can control,
What fancied zone can circumscribe the soul,
Who, conscious of the source from whence she springs,
By Reason's light, on Resolution's wings,
Spite of her frail companion, dauntless goes
O'er Lybia's deserts, and through Zembla's snows.—*Gray.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VII. Id. 9.	John Paesiello, 1740.	Francis, 4th Earl of Bedford, 1641. *Chenies.* Elizabeth Foster, 1754. d. *Islington.* Nicholas Lewis, Count Zinzendorff, 1760. *Hernhutt.* Bonnel Thornton, 1768. *Abbey.* Sir Robert Chambers, 1803. d. *Paris.* Frederick Schiller, 1805. died; *Weimar.*

You shall also inquire whether bakers and brewers keep their assize, and whether as well they, as butchers, innholders, and victuallers, do sell that which is wholesome, and at reasonable prices; and whether they do link and combine to raise prices.

Bacon's Charge at the Verge.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Hermas, *of Rome,* 1st Century.

St. Gregory Nazianzen, *Doctor of the Church,* 389, or 391.

St. Brynoth I. *Bishop of Scara, in Sweden,* 1317.

St. Nicholas, *Bishop of Lincopen, in Sweden,* 1391.

Montano frequented every gaming-table, and attended every horse-race in the kingdom. He first reduced betting into an art, and made White's the grand market for wagers. He is at length such an adept, that whatever turn things take, he can never lose. This he has taught the world to call '*hedging a bet.*'

Thornton.

A coward, serving by *compulsion* in the army, will be seized with a panic at the sight of a few bushes, and calling his fellow-soldiers about him, points to the spot, and tells them his own eyes are not good enough to distinguish at that distance, whether they are friends or foes. *Theophrastus.*

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IX. MAY.

Therefore the nurse of virtue I am hight,
And golden trumpet of eternity,
That lowly thoughts lift up to Heaven's height,
And mortal men have power to deify:
Bacchus and Hercules I rais'd to Heav'n,
And Charlemagne amongst the stars seven.—*Calliope.*

Acts.

THE LEMURIA were nocturnal rites, by which the *Lemures*, or evil spirits, were exorcised and appeased. What the *black beans* could have to do with those "thick and gloomy shadows," might puzzle Pythagoras himself in the stole of a modern brachman; although possibly the bean, (*faba*) was a Hindoo type of the *Metempsychosis*, or that doctrine which taught that the mental or radical seeds did not perish with the body, but might animate different forms of matter at different periods, imbruted or human, according to their faculties. These ceremonies were instituted by Romulus at Rome upon the burial of his brother, whom he had *slain*, and continued for three alternate nights, or during five days.

Columbus sails from Cadiz with four vessels, in search of a passage to the South Sea, being his fourth voyage over the Atlantic, 1502.

Philip Massinger produces his play of "*The Bashful Lover*," which was performed by the Royal or Shakspeare's company, 1636.

A secret treaty is signed at Paris between Louis XIV. and Oliver Cromwell, 1657. Their design was principally "the ruin and destruction of the proud and tyrannical monarchy of Spain."

Cassini observes, by the positions of certain spots, the revolution of the planet *Venus* on its axis, 1667; which was confirmed sixty years afterwards by the remarks of Bianchini. Pliny mentions that the great Pythagoras had noticed the *motions* of this brilliant planet on Italian ground. When she appears *west* of the sun, she is a morning-star, Phosphorus or Lucifer; and when *eastward* of the sun, an evening-star, Hesperus or Vesper:—her distance from it is sixty-nine millions of miles.

The first colony, consisting of four hundred blacks and sixty white people, arrived from England at *Sierra Leone*, 1787. They were soon, in 1789, attacked and plundered when this settlement became dispersed.

The muse *Calliope*, the president of eloquence and heroic poetry, is pourtrayed with a trumpet in her right hand and volumes in the other, as the *narrator* of those deeds of glory which are *recorded* by her sister Clio.

It is proper that we should differ more from other men, than other men from boys. *Plato.*

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X. MAY.

Long have I lived in court,
  Yet learn'd not all this while,
To sell poor suitors smoke,
  Nor where I hate to smile;
Superiors to adore, inferiors to despise,
  To fly from such as fall,
To follow such as rise:
To cloak a poor desire under a rich array,
Nor to aspire by vice, though 'twere the quicker way.

Sir John Davis.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Id. 10.	Henry Hare, Lord Coleraine, 1693, *Blechingly*. J. F. Dreux du Radier, 1714, *Chateauneuf, in Thimerais*. Monsieur Dambourney, 1722, *Rouen*. Anne Robert James Turgot, 1727, *Paris*. Jacob Corstens, 1754, *Denmark*. Louis Nicholas Davoust, 1770, *Annaux, in Burgundy*. **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Epimachus, *Martyr*, 250. St. Gordian, *Martyr*, 362. St. Comgall, *Abbot of Bangor in Ireland*, d. 601. St. Cataldus, *Bishop and Titular Saint of the Cathedral of Tarentum*, 7th Century. St. Isidore, *Labourer*, Patron of Madrid, 1170. St. Antoninus (or Little Antony), *Archbishop of Florence*, 1459.	Bastard of Vaurus, 1422. *executed, Meaux*. John of Avila, 1569. d. *Toledo*. Louis de Marillac, 1632. *beheaded, Paris*. General (John) Bannier, 1641. Manuel d'Almeida, 1646. died, *Goa*. Barton Booth, 1733. *Cowley, in Middlesex*. Louis XV. (*of France*), 1774. d. *Versailles*. Princess Caroline Matilda, (*Queen of Denmark*), 1775. d. *Zelle*. Anthony Court de Gebelin, 1784. d. *Paris*. General de Dampierre, 1793. *killed, Famars*. A member of parliament is originally to be tender of his own liberty, that other men may the better trust him with theirs. *Saville.*

Every man boasts of his heart, but no one dares to speak well of his head.
Rochefoucault.

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Personal distinctions, arising from superior probity, learning, eloquence, skill, courage, and from every other excellency of talents, are the very blood and nerves of the body politic; they animate the whole, and invigorate every part; without them, its bones would become reeds, and its marrow, water; it would presently sink into a fetid, senseless mass of corruption. *Dr. Watson.*

Acts.

ROGATION SUNDAY is the *fifth* Sunday after Easter, and derives its title from the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday immediately succeeding, which were termed *Rogation days*, from the Latin *rogare*, to beseech, because the earliest Christians devoted those three days to prayer and supplication, as a suitable introduction to the great *holy-day* commemorating our SAVIOUR's ascension.—*See 14th May.*

The memorable *pestilence* in Ireland, began upon this day, A.D. 664.

Edward I. by Brabanzon, his Chief Justice, informs the Scottish assembly at Norham, that he had come to assume the sovereignty paramount of Scotland, as the means of arbitrating between Robert de Bruce, Lord of Annandale, John Baliol, Lord of Galloway, and the ten other candidates for the Caledonian crown. Upon the 3d of June, 1291, the competitors published an instrument by which they subscribed to the judgment of the peremptory Edward; and ten days after the royal castles were resigned into his hands, and all the military tenants of the Scottish crown swore fealty to him as its *superior lord*. It was this present day, 1307, that the *great* Bruce, signally defeated at *Loudoun Hill*, Aylmer de Valence *le Brun*, Earl of Pembroke, who fled to the castle of Ayr, in confusion. By these and similar successful *trimmings*, although hunted with *blood-hounds* like the deer of the forest, this heroic monarch "gradually accustomed his men to repose so much confidence in his skill and wisdom, that his orders for battle were regarded as a call to assured victory."

Henry V. reduces *Meaux* after a siege of seven months, 1422.

Queen Elizabeth issues her royal theatrical license under seal for the performance of stage-plays, 1574. As it is the *epoch* of the first establishment of a regular company of players in England, the omission of this document in our pages would be a species of little treason against the mirth and morals of the country. We shall therefore introduce it *entire*: "Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Queen of England, &c. To all justices, mayors, sheriffs, bailiffs, head constables, under constables,

Do you hear, let the players be well used; for they are the abstracts, and brief chronicles of the time: after your death you were better have a bad epitaph, than their ill report while you live. *Hamlet.*

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If I would compare Jonson with Shakspeare, I must acknowledge him the more correct poet, but Shakspeare the greater wit. Shakspeare was the Homer, or father of our dramatic poets; Jonson was the Virgil, the pattern of elaborate writing; I admire him, but I love Shakspeare. To conclude of Jonson, as he has given us the most correct plays, so in the precepts which he has laid down in his Discoveries, we have as many and profitable rules for perfecting the stage as any wherewith the French can furnish us. *Dryden.*

Acts.

and all other our officers and ministers, greeting. Know ye, that we of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have licensed and authorised, and by these presents do license and authorise our loving subjects, *James Burbage, John Perkyn, John Lanham, William Johnson, and Robert Wilson, servants to our trusty and well-beloved cousin and counsellor, the Earl of Leicester*, to use, exercise, and occupy the art and faculty of playing comedies, tragedies, interludes, stage-plays, and such other like as they have already used and studied, or hereafter shall use and study, *as well for the recreation of our loving subjects, as for our solace and pleasure, when we shall think good to see them*; as also to use and occupy all such instruments as they have already practised, or hereafter shall practise, for and during our pleasure; and the said comedies, tragedies, interludes, and stage-plays, together with their musick, to show, publish, exercise, and occupy to their best commodity, during all the term aforesaid, as well within the liberties and freedoms of any our cities, towns, boroughs, &c. whatsoever, as without the same, throughout our realm of England. Willing and commanding you, and every of you, as ye tender our pleasure, to permit and suffer them herein without any lets, hinderance, or molestation, during the time aforesaid, any act, statute, or proclamation, or commandment, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, notwithstanding; provided that the said comedies, tragedies, interludes, and stage-plays be, by the *Master of our Revels for the time being, before seen and allowed*; and that the same be not published or shown *in the time of common prayer*, or in the time of great and common plague in our said city of London." The above James Burbage was the father of the *celebrated* Richard Burbage; and Lanham may be remembered as a re-

I converted Mr. Crashaw, from writing against plays, by telling him a way how to understand that place, of putting on women's apparel, which has nothing to do in the business; as neither has it, that the fathers speak against plays, for the heathens then had three *altars* perpetually upon the stage. *Selden.*

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The great fault even in that laughter which is raised by comedy, and forbidden plainly by Aristotle is, that it stirs laughter in sinful things, which are rather execrable than ridiculous; or in miserable, which are rather to be pitied than scorned: for what is it to gape at beggary, or against the law of hospitality, to jest at strangers, because they speak not English so well as we do? *Sidney.*

lative of Robert Lanham, the writer of a ludicrous account of the Kenilworth pageant in 1575. There were several other companies existing *near* this period; *ex. grat.* 2. The Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Sussex's players. 3. The Earl of Warwick's. 4. Sir Robert Lane's. 5. The Earl (Walter) of Essex's men, upon whose death, in 1576, they were protected by his guilty countess. 6. The Earl of Worcester's servants. 7. The Earl of Derby's players, and not long after, in 1580, we find his son, the Lord Strange's *tumblers*, exhibiting at the court, but restrained in 1589 for their *scurrility and licentiousness.* 9. The Lord Howard of Effingham, the admiral's men. 10. The Lord Berkeley's. 11. The Lord Stafford's. 12. The Earl of Lincoln's. 13. Giles, Baron Chandois, of Sudley Castle, his players. 14. The Earl of Oxford's company, and his '*boys.*' 15. The children or choristers of Paul's. 16. The children of the Royal (household) chapel. 17. The choristers of St. George's chapel, at Windsor, which there is some reason to suppose were *children* by discipline. 18. The children of Westminster Abbey; and 19. The children of Merchant Taylor's School.

Sir William Dethick, Garter principal King of Arms, and the great *Camden*, as Clarencieux, attend the summons of the *Court of the Garter* this day (Monday), 1602, and reply to a *libellous scroll* made against the heralds, that they had granted arms (among others) to the heirs of *John Shakspeare*, belonging to the Lord Mauley, (stiled *de Malo Lacu*). "It may as well be said, that *Hareley*, who beareth gold a bend between two cotizes sable, and all other that bear or and argent a bend sables, usurp the coat of the Lord Mauley. As for the spear in bend is a patible difference; and the person to whom it was granted [the dramatist's father, who died in the preceding year] hath borne magistracy, and was justice of peace at Stratford upon Avon. He married the daughter and heir of *Arderne*, and was able to maintain that estate."

Nothing in poverty so ill is borne,
As its exposing men to grinning scorn.—*Juvenal.*

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X. MAY.

Anger, indeed, I have felt, but surely not a blamable anger; for who ever heard of an inquiring anger; a digesting anger; a collating anger; an examining anger; a deliberating anger; or a selecting anger? The anger which I feel, is a uniform, steady, public anger, but not a private anger. *Burke.*

Acts.

The articles are subscribed by the Governor of Jamaica, 1665, by which it was agreed the Spaniards should evacuate the island in favour of the English invaders. The acquisition of Jamaica, under Admiral Penn, may therefore be dated more correctly from *this day*. As to horses, they were in such plenty, observes the Vice-admiral Goodson, that we accounted them the vermin of the country.

"Dined at Mr. Treasurer's," saith Evelyn, 1671, "in company with Monsieur de Grammont, and several French noblemen, and one *Blood*, that impudent bold fellow who had not long before attempted to steal the imperial crown out of the Tower, pretending only curiosity to see the regalia there. This man had not only a daring, but a villainous unmerciful look, a false countenance, but very well spoken, and dangerously insinuating."

The French order of knighthood, *St. Louis*, is instituted, 1698. It was abolished by the *assembly*, with all the other honourable national *orders*, July 30, 1791.

The articles of impeachment against Warren Hastings having been brought up from the secret committee and printed, they are read, amended, and agreed to this day, without a division, 1787. Mr. Burke then rose and moved, "That Warren Hastings, Esq. be *impeached* of high crimes and misdemeanors upon the said articles." The question was put and carried. Mr. Frederick Montague then rose and moved, "That Mr. Burke, in the name of the House of Commons, and of all the Commons of Great Britain, do go to the bar of the House of Lords, and impeach Warren Hastings, Esq., late Governor-general of Bengal, of high crimes and misdemeanors, and do acquaint the Lords, that the Commons will, with all convenient speed, exhibit articles against him, and make good the same." The motion being agreed to, the majority of the House immediately attended Mr. Burke to the bar of the House of Peers, where he solemnly impeached Mr. Hastings in form.

Nothing is so uncertain as general reputation: a man injures me upon humour, passion, or interest, or for standing in his way; *hates me because he has injured me;* and speaks ill of me because he hates me. *Sir William Temple.*

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X. MAY.

How sleep the brave, who sink to rest,
By all their country's wishes blest!
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallow'd mould,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.—*Collins.*

Acts.

CICERO embarks for Greece, as the partisan of Pompey, B. C. 49.

The battle at the bridge of *Lodi*, near Parma, "*the terrible passage*," as Buonaparte has himself entitled one of the most brilliant military pages of his own history, 1796. The brave Lanues, the Ajax of the West, who there sought his reputation literally *in the cannon's mouth*, will neither be forgotten. "I found Lannes a dwarf, but I made him a giant," said the fallen Napoleon, in allusion to his original obscurity. Certainly, those that are *born* great, ere they can *achieve* greatness, must first have opportunities; be protected by men who are capable of discerning and encouraging merit. Lannes was a scholar worthy of Napoleon; liberal with the lives of others, and equitably reckless of his own.

Mr. Pitt *resumes* his administration, 1804, which subsisted until his death, in January, 1806, when Mr. Fox accepted office.

The expedition under Captain Parry, for the discovery of a north-west passage, sails from the Nore, 1819. On the 22d of August, the two vessels, the Hecla and the Griper (Lieutenant Liddon), entered the Polar sea; and on the 4th of September, they crossed the meridian of 110 degrees, west from Greenwich, in the latitude of 74 degrees, 44 minutes, by which exploit the officers and crews became entitled to the national reward of £5000. The headland, called *Bounty Cape*, marks the warmth of British patronage, and *Melville Island*, the period of the good fortune of these gallant adventurers. They witnessed there, from the fourth of November, a three months' twilight. The vessels reached the port of Peterhead, in Scotland, the 29th of September, 1820: without (of course) having accomplished the main object of their equipment; but in things of vast compass to *dare* is half a conquest: and frequently, by accident, the greatest benefits will accrue from insurmountable undertakings; as the barren American fig-tree produces the richest artificial *colour*.

Whiston's ridiculous project has spoiled one of my papers of Scriblerus, which was a proposal for the longitude, not very unlike his; that since there was no pole for east and west, that all the princes of Europe should join and build two prodigious poles upon high mountains, with a vast lighthouse to serve for a pole-star. *Arbuthnot.*

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XI. MAY.

Come, fairest nymph, resume thy reign!
Bring all the Graces in thy train!
With balmy breath, and flowery tread,
Rise from thy soft ambrosial bed;
Where, in Elysian slumber bound,
Embowering myrtles veil thee round.—*May.—Zephyrus.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
v. Id. 11.	Cardinal (Reginald) Pole, 1500. *Stoverton Castle.* Sir John Mennis, 1598, *Sandwich.* Charles Macklin, 1690, *Westmeath.* Roger Joseph Boscovich, 1711, *Ragusa.* Peter Camper, 1722, *Leyden.*	Robert le Bruce, 1141. *Gisborough.* David I. (*of Scotland*), 1153. d. *Carlisle.* Abp. (Robt.) Winchelsey, 1313. James de Molai, (*Grand Master*), 1310. *burned, Paris.* Jean Gualbert de Campistron, 1723. *Toulouse.* Charles Beauclerk, Duke of St. Albans, 1726. Catharine Cockburn, 1749. William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, 1778. d. *Hayes.* (Abbey.) Richard Wilson, 1782. *Llanverris in Denbyshire.* Philip Nicholas Pia, 1799. Spencer Perceval, 1812. *assassinated, Lobby of the House of Commons.*
	Grace, honor, praise, delight, Here sojourn day and night. Sound bodies lin'd With a good mind, Do here pursue with might Grace, honor, praise, delight. *Rabelais.*	You guilty looking fellows, Reason doth plainly tell us, That we should not To you allot Room here, but at the gallows; You wiery looking fellows. *Rabelais.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Mammertus, *Archbishop of Vienne*, d. 477. St. Maieul (or Majolus), *Abbot of Cluni*, d. 994.	

That man is not fit to rule whose resolutions are disturbed by foolish calumnies.
Fabius.

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XI. MAY.

Whate'er thou art, where-e'er ordain'd to go,
(Points which we rather may dispute than know,)
Come on, thou little inmate of this breast,
Which for thy sake from passions I divest;
For these, thou say'st, raise all the stormy strife,
Which hinder thy repose, and trouble life.—*Prior's Solomon.*

Acts.

It is recorded that the first letter of the inscription upon a statue of *Cæsar* Augustus was struck out this day by lightning; which the college interpreted as a presage that he would live but C days; and fulfilled doubtless by those means with which bad men are familiar when *good princes* have been sheltered from outrage by the affections of their people. The word *Æsar* in the Tuscan signifies a god; thus also, like Romulus, he was to be despatched among the *stars*, and by the same flight.

The anniversary of the dedication of *Constantinople*, A. D. 330, a ceremony which continued for thirty days. The foundations of the city were laid on the 26th of September, 329; so that at least the *citadel* must have been raised and completed during a period of seven months, according to Codinus; but Julian mentions the time as ten years, from the year 324 to the year 334, which, however, is not entirely free from objections. "As often as the birthday of the city returned, the statue of Constantine, framed by his order, of gilt wood, and bearing in his right hand a small image of the *genius of the place*, [the Virgin Mary, say Cedrenus and Zonaras] was erected on a triumphal car. The guards, carrying white tapers, and clothed in their richest apparel, accompanied the solemn procession as it moved through the Hippodrome. When it was opposite to the throne of the reigning emperor, he rose from his seat, and with grateful reverence adored the memory of his predecessor. At the festival of the dedication, an edict, engraved on a column of marble, bestowed the title of *Second*, or *New Rome*, on the city of Constantine; but the name of Constantinople has prevailed over that honourable epithet;" and after the revolution of *exactly fifteen centuries*, which are completed on this day, the Turkish *Istambol* still perpetuates the fame of its Christian founder.

As for Cleon's dream, I think it was a jest; it was, that he was devoured of a long dragon; and it was expounded of a maker of sausages, that troubled him exceedingly. *Bacon on Prophecies.*

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XI. MAY.

In silent dignity they sweep along,
And traverse realms unknown, and blooming wilds,
And fruitful deserts, worlds of solitude,
Where the Sun smiles, and Seasons teem in vain.—*Thomson.*

Acts.

Fifty-four of the Knights of the Temple, with their Grand Master, are publicly burned at Paris, under the decree of an archiepiscopal council, 1310. There were nine hundred members assembled in the capital to defend themselves from the charges of Ismalism, the worship of the cat and calf, and other enormous practices, and those delivered up to the secular arm were such who had boldly *retracted* a previous confession of guilt, apparently extorted from them by the application or fear of those exquisite methods of establishing *truth*, which were the pure inventions of an infatuated heartless orthodoxy. The tree had some dubious leaves.

A terrible and destructive eruption of Mount Etna, 1537.

Three vessels sail from Deptford under the command of Sir Hugh Willoughby, to explore the northern seas, 1553; by which voyage an inlet to the *White Sea* and the *Bay of Archangel* were discovered, and an almost exclusive commerce was established with Russia in that quarter.

Francisco de *Orellana* sails from St. Lucar with four ships and four hundred men; he stopped three months at Teneriffe and two at the Cape de Verds, and then proceeded with three ships and two hundred and fifty men, 1554. In their distress for want of water, one ship with seventy men put back and was never heard of, while the remaining two went a hundred leagues up the *River of Amazons*, where they built a brigantine. Here fifty-seven men of the party died, and one of the vessels was broken up for the materials. Twenty leagues higher up the river, the other ship parted her cable with the strength of the current, was driven on shore and lost: they broke her up, and built a boat with the materials, a labour of two months and a half. Orellana afterwards was thirty days in seeking the *main branch* of the river. Returning unsuccessful, he declared he was sick, and resolved to return into a Christian country.

He who cannot contract the sight of his mind as well as disperse and dilate it, wanteth a great faculty; and should consider, as an oracle, the saying of the poor woman to the haughty prince, who rejected her petition as a thing below his dignity to notice,—'*Then cease to reign.*' *Novum Organum.*

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In velvet white as snow the troop was gown'd,
The seams with sparkling emeralds set around:
Their hoods and sleeves the same; and purfled o'er
With diamonds, pearls, and all the shining store
Of eastern pomp: their long descending train,
With rubies edg'd, and sapphires, swept the plain.

The Flower and Leaf.

Acts.

The Indians killed seventeen of his men, and one hundred resolved to stay in the province: *he soon afterwards died of grief and disease.* The rest, with his widow, who always accompanied him, made for the West Indies and arrived at Margarita. This is an abridged account of the fate of the Spaniard that, in 1540, discovered the domain of the King of Rivers, whose course compared with the Ganges is as fifteen and three-fourths is to nine and a half; that is, a current of three thousand miles, and whose tremendous *mouth* is one hundred and fifty miles broad from shore to shore. Orellana was very *warmly* received by armed swift-footed females, which originates the fanciful name *Amazonia.*

King James, upon leaving the Chartreuse, confers knighthood upon *Arthur Attie*, orator of Alban Hall, who was formerly the secretary of Leicester, and connected afterwards with Essex, the favourite, 1603. This respectable gentleman was interred at Harrow in the following year.

The same monarch creates the dignity of *Baronets* (or lesser Barons), 1611; they engaging singly to maintain thirty foot soldiers in Ulster for three years, at the rate of 8*d.* English per day.

Evelyn observes, 1654: "My Lady Gerard treated us at Mulberry Garden [the site of Buckingham House] now the only place of refreshment about the town for persons of the best quality to be exceedingly cheated at; Cromwell and his partisans having shut up and seized on *Spring Garden*, which till now had been the usual rendezvous for the ladies and gallants at this season....I now observed how the women began to paint themselves, formerly a most ignominious thing, and used only by prostitutes."

The mayor and burgesses of Shaftsbury in Dorsetshire annually, upon the *Monday* next before the feast of the Ascension, this day, are accustomed, by an ancient prescription, to assemble within the manor and liberty of

Every great example has in it some mixture of injustice, which, as it affects individuals, is repaid by its public utility. *Tacitus.*

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XI. MAY.

And Truth, in sunny vest array'd,
By whose the tarsel's eyes were made;
All the shadowy tribes of mind,
In braided dance, their murmurs join'd,
And all the bright uncounted powers
Who feed on heaven's ambrosial flowers.

The Poetical Character.

Arts.

Gillingham, in a place there called Enmore Green, where is a pool of water, and divers springs and wells; and in that place "*to walk or dance hand in hand round the same green in a long dance, there being a musician, or tabour and pipe, and also a staff, or besom, adorned with feathers, pieces of gold rings, and other jewels*, called a *prize-besom*; which dance being ended, the said mayor and burgesses do tender and deliver unto the bailiff of the manor, one pair of gloves, a calf's head, raw and undressed, a gallon of ale or beer, and two penny loaves of white wheat bread, which he receiveth and carrieth away to his own use."—This custom performed as an *acknowledgment* of the Lord's manerial right to the springs of water used by the corporation, took place before the year 1662, upon the *Sunday* following Holy-rood-day; but by an agreement made between the Honourable Sir Edward Nicholas, the lord of the manor, and the corporation of Shafton, on May-day in that year, the anniversary was, from pious motives, removed to this present day. The ceremony and origin of the *prize-besom* may be worthy perhaps of preservation.

Gray is at Rome, 1740, and writes to his young friend *Favonius:* "I am to-day just returned from Alba, a good deal fatigued; for you know the Appian is somewhat tiresome. We dined at Pompey's; he, indeed, was gone for a few days to his Tusculan; but, by the care of his villicus, we made an admirable meal. We had the dugs of a pregnant sow, a peacock, a dish of thrushes, a noble scarus, just fresh from the Tyrrhene, and some conchylia of the lake, with garum sauce: for my part, I never eat better at Lucullus's table. We drank half a dozen cyathi apiece of ancient Alban to Pholoë's health; and, after bathing, and playing an hour at ball, we mounted our essedum again, and proceeded up

We should enjoy little pleasure were we never to flatter ourselves.

Rochefoucault.

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XI. MAY.

What countless forms, with frantic mien,
Have flitted o'er yon darken'd scene!
They come—they rage—they disappear:
The storm is woe—the pause is fear!—*Professor Smyth.*

Arts.

the mount to the temple. But quitting my Romanities, to your great joy, let me tell you in plain English, that we come from the town of Albano, which lies within the inclosure of Pompey's villa in ruins. I am now at home, and going to the window to tell you it is the most beautiful of Italian nights. There is a moon! There are stars for you! Do not you hear the fountain? Do not you smell the orange-flowers? That building yonder is the convent of St. Isidore; and that eminence, with the cypress-trees and pines upon it, the top of Mount Quirinal. This is all true, and yet my prospect is not two hundred yards in length."

Maria Theresa is crowned at Prague, the sovereign of Bohemia, 1743. This victory was as much attributable to the co-operation of the King of England as to her own personal eloquence, addressed to a gallant people, when she fled from Vienna, and throwing herself, with her infant son in her arms, in the midst of the assembled states of the Hungarian nation, she addressed them in Latin: "Abandoned by my friends, persecuted by my enemies, attacked by my nearest relations, I have no resource left but in your fidelity, courage, and constancy: I entrust into your hands the children of your kings, they depend on *you* for life and safety."

Mr. Wadham Strode, a master of St. Kitts, cut off one ear and slit the other of his negroman, *Peter*, this day, 1785. The same offence was committed there by Mr. Jerdan Burke, in that year, against his *female slave, Clarissa*. They were fined, the former, £100; the latter, £50.

Sir Arthur Wellesley takes possession of *Oporto*, upon the retreat of Soult, 1809. The bombardment of *Vienna* began at nine in the evening upon the same day. The garrison of ten thousand men had evacuated the city upon Napoleon's approach, so that the General, ere the next night, assembled his staff within the imperial palace of *Schoenbrunn*.

Change places; and handy-dandy, which is the *justice*, and which is the thief.
Lear.

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XII. MAY.

Here, like a shepherd gazing from his hut,
Touching his reed, or leaning on his staff,
Eager ambition's fiery chase I see:
I see the circling hunt of noisy men
Burst law's inclosure, leap the mounds of right,
Pursuing and pursu'd; each other's prey;
As wolves for rapine, as the fox for wiles:
Till death, that mighty hunter, earths them all!—*Young.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Id. 12.	John de Santeul, 1630, *Paris.* Philip, Duke of Orleans, 1725. Charles William Le Geyt, 1733, *Jersey.* Suffer not sorrow to cast you down; but, with cheerfulness and good courage, and in all sobriety and truth, go on in the race which you have to run. *Strafford to his Son.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, *Martyrs*, 2d Century. St. Flavia Domitella, *Virgin Martyr*, 2d Century. St. Panoras, *Martyr at Rome*, (aged 14) 304. St. Epiphanius, *Abp. of Salamis, in Cyprus*, d. 403. St. Rictrudes, *Abbess in France*, d. 688. St. Germanus, *Patriarch of Constantinople*, d. 733.	Paschal I. (Pope), A. D. 824. Charles, Duke of Guienne, *poisoned*, 1471. Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, 1641. *beheaded, Tower Hill.* John Rushworth, 1690. *Southwark.* John Jackson, 1763. Christopher Smart, 1771. died, *London.* Francis Grose, 1791. *Drumcondra.* Princess Elizabeth (*of France*), *beheaded*, 1794. Ernest Platner, 1818. d. *Leipsic.* The first foundation of friendship is not the power of conferring benefits, but the equality with which they are received, and may be returned. The mistaken prince who looks for friendship will find a favourite, and in that favourite, the ruin of his affairs. *Junius.*

I will end with a rule that may serve for a statesman, courtier, or lover—never make a defence or apology before you be accused.---*King Charles to Strafford.*

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XII. MAY.

Confus'd, unnerv'd in Hector's presence grown,
Amaz'd he stood, with terrours not his own.
O'er his broad back his moony shield he threw,
And, glaring round, by tardy steps withdrew.—*Homer.*

Acts.

THE SCIROPHORIA were Athenian festivals upon the twelfth of *Sciro-phorion*, dedicated to Proserpine and Ceres, expressive of *Summer*, and tributary to the general abundance. It is not impossible the Roman *Floralia* were derived from this source, varied only by the climate; like the *Furry* a bacchanal holiday of rude merriment observed at Helston.

The battle of *Pharsalia*, which forms an important era in the history of the world, was decided upon this day (the time of harvest), after Cæsar had blocked up for the space of four months, within a vast line of ramparts, the troops of his antagonist, B. C. 48. The event is well known, that Pompey with an army two-fold in number, but utterly destitute of the discipline of Cæsar's legions, suffered a shameful defeat; and abandoning his camp he directed his course on foot, in a traveller's habit, towards the Vale of *Tempe*. "As he saw he was not pursued," saith the philosophic historian, "he went softly on, wrapt up in such thoughts as we may suppose a man to have who had been used for thirty-four years to conquer and carry all before him, and now, in his old age, first came to know what it was to be defeated and to fly." He reposed the same night in a poor fisherman's hut on the sea-coast. This day is dedicated, in the Roman calendar, to Mars, the *avenger*, to whom a splendid votive temple was erected by Augustus, after his victory over the *parricides*, at Philippi. The Circensian games or plays were annually celebrated, on the present day, in commemoration of the god.

The defeat of Henry III. by Leicester, at *Lewes*, 1264. The King's standard was a *dragon*, the same that was borne by the West-Saxon princes, as also by Cadwallader, and the ancient kings of Hungary.

Ferdinand de Soto sails from the Havannah with ten ships for the conquest of *Florida*, 1539. This *pleasant* country was discovered and named by Juan Ponce de Leon, the Spaniard, upon the 12th of April, 1512.

James I. appoints an annual fair at *Hertford* for this day.

The Calvinists of Bohemia enter the castle of Prague, cast the leading members of the council of state from the windows, and take possession, *vi et armis*, of the capitol, 1618:—next year they gave away the *crown*.

Our ancestors wisely ordained that trumpets should sound on every side, and all the soldiers raise a shout, as well to encourage their companions as daunt the enemy. *Cæsar.*

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XIII. MAY.

An impudent man is one, whose want of money and want of wit have engaged him beyond his abilities. The little knowledge he has of *himself* being suitable to the little he has in his *profession* has made him believe himself fit for it. This double ignorance is the cause of the value he sets upon himself, as he that wants a great deal appears in a better condition than he that wants a little. From hence he grows impudent; for, as men judge by comparison, he knows as little what it is to be defective, as what it is to be excellent. *Butler's Characters.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Id. 13.	Richard Simon, 1638, *Dieppe.* Maria Theresa (*Empress*), 1717. Ernest Godfrey Baldinger, 1738, *Erfurth.* Amos Wolff was the oracle of our burgh: being the tallest and best-looking it was his business to read the rules of the Saturday club, and to make apologies for the drunk or dumb members. Such was his alacrity to be upon his legs, that he was always sure to be found at the barrel's head during the fair, hammering about the malt-tax and other heavy burdens. *German Ana.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Servatus, *Bishop of Tongres*, d. 384. St. John the Silent, *Bishop in Armenia*, c. 560. St. Peter Regalati, *of Valladolid*, 1456.	Marguard Freher, 1614. died, *Heidelberg.* John Olden Barneveldt, 1619. *beheaded, Hague.* Bishop (William) Chappel, 1649. d. *Derby.* *Professor* Henry Wilkinson, 1690. d. *Cornard.* Louis Bourdaloue, 1704. *Paris.* Thomas Rowe, 1715. *Bunhill Fields.* Bartholomew Mercier, 1799. James Erskine, Lord Alva, 1796. d. *Drumsheugh.* James Basire, 1802. Charles, Earl Whitworth, 1825. d. *Knowle.* The same qualities joined with virtue, often furnish out a great man, which, united with a different principle, furnish out a highwayman; I mean courage and strong passions. And they may both join in the same expression, though with a meaning somewhat varied—*be promoted or be hanged.* Shenstone.

Blessed is he that expecteth nothing for he shall not be disappointed.—*Swift.*

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XIII. MAY.

Canst thou then sink, thou daughter of the great,
Sprung from the noblest guardians of our state;
Canst *thou* thus yield to the first shock of fate?
Whatever deathless monuments of praise
Thy sex can merit, 'tis in thee to raise.—*Lucan's Pharsalia.*

Acts.

METON, the Athenian astronomer, began his famous *lunar cycle* of nineteen years (then marked by successive letters in gold, which are now called the *golden numbers*) with the new moon nearest to the Summer solstice falling upon the sixteenth of Scirophorion, B. C. 432.—*See 27th June.* The summary of days in the course of nineteen solar intercalary years of three hundred and sixty-five days, six hours, eighteen minutes, and fifty-seven seconds each, was 6940, when the new moon would return to the same position in the natural year as it stood at the commencement of the cycle.—*See 21st June.* The last corrected Greek cycle terminated B. C. 1; so that we are now (1830) in the *seventh* Golden Number of the ninety-sixth lunar cycle from that period.

Pompey in passing through the Archipelago stops at Mitylene to receive his wife, the exemplary *Cornelia*, and there converses with Cratippus, the philosopher, on the nature of *Providence.*

King John is visited by Pandulph, the Pope's legate, at Dover, in whose presence he subscribed an instrument 1213, by which the sentences of interdict, *excommunication*, and deposition, were revoked, conditionally that he reversed all his former acts of oppression.—*See 15th May.*

The Bill is introduced vesting in the crown all the property of the *monastic establishments*, 1539. This measure, which threw into circulation an annual revenue of £143,000, (i. e. the one-and-twentieth part of the national rental) was promptly effected by the following spring.

Edward I. embarks from England with his chancellor as *arbitrator* between the kings of France, Arragon, and Sicily, 1268.

The regent, Murray, defeats Mary at *Langside* near Dumbarton, 1568.

The Island of St. Christopher is *divided* by treaty between the English and French commissioners, Sir Thomas Warner, and M. du Rossy, 1627.

Thomas Creede, a printer, *enters* this day a drama by Robert Greene, entitled "The Scottish History of James the Fourth, slain at Flodden, intermixed with a pleasant comedy, presented by *Oboram, King of Fairies*; as it hath been sundry times publicly played, 1594.

The treaty of *Teschen* is concluded between the Empress and Prussia, 1779. The *swift* is first seen upon the Sussex coast about this day.

A hot May makes a fat churchyard.—*Old English Proverb.*

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XIV. MAY.

With thee, sweet Hope, resides the heavenly light
That pours remotest rapture on the sight;
Thine is the charm of life's bewildered way,
That calls each slumbering passion into play.
Waked by thy touch, I see the sister band,
On tiptoe watching, start at thy command,
And fly where'er thy mandate bids them steer,
To Pleasure's path, or Glory's bright career.—*Campbell.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Id. 14.	John Dunton, 1659, *Graffham.* Amadeus Victor, (*of Savoy*), 1666. Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, 1686, *Dantzic.* Mary Delany, 1700, *Coulton.* William Emerson, 1701, *Hurworth.* When our visitors would say, 'Well, upon my word, Mrs. Primrose, you have the finest children in the whole country:'—'Ay, neighbour,' she would answer, 'they are as Heaven made them—handsome enough, if they be good enough; for handsome is, that handsome does.' *Vicar of Wakefield.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Pontius, *Martyr at Cimelé in Savoy*, c. 258. St. Boniface, *Martyr*, c. 307. St. Pachomius, *Abbot in Egypt*, 348. St. Carthagh *the younger* (or Mochudu), *Bishop of Lismore*, d. 637.	Henry IV. (*of France*), 1610. *assassinated, Paris.* Louis XIII. (*of France*), 1643. d. *St. Germain-en-Laye.* John Henry Ursinus, 1667. d. *Ratisbon.* Thomas Simpson, 1761. d. *Bosworth.* Peter Montan Berton, 1780. d. *Paris.* David Rhunkenius, 1798. d. *Leyden.* Dr. Robert Bisset, 1805. Henry Grattan, 1820. *Abbey.* Olivia wished for many lovers; Sophia to secure one. Olivia was often affected, from too great a desire to please: Sophia even repressed excellence, from her fears to offend. The one entertained me with her vivacity when I was gay, the other with her sense when I was serious. But I have often seen them exchange characters for a whole day together. *Vicar of Wakefield.*

To the disgrace of men it is seen, that there are women both more wise to judge what evil is expected, and more constant to bear it when it is happened. *Sidney.*

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XIV. MAY.

Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners? *Song of Solomon.*

Acts.

ASCENSION DAY is the fortieth day from the vigil of Easter, and commemorates the Ascension of our Saviour, as that festival records the Resurrection.—*See 5th April.* It is called *Holy Thursday* in the English calendars, by which title the Thursday in Passion week, is more generally expressed, perhaps with more propriety; and falls invariably *ten days* before WHIT SUNDAY.—*See 24th May.*

The custom of perambulating the parishes during *Rogation week* was first introduced, with other Roman ceremonies, by Claudius Mumertus, a French bishop, of Vienne, in the year 550; whose precedent was soon afterwards repeated by Sidonius, Bishop of Clermont, and at length established by the *Council of Orleans.* The regulation of Queen Elizabeth, relating to the English *ambarvalia*, or *processions*, is as follows: "The people shall once a year, at the time accustomed, with the curate and substantial men of the parish, *walk about the parishes*, as they were accustomed [with willow wands] *and at their return to church, make their common prayers;* provided that the said curate, in the said common perambulations, as heretofore in the days of rogations, at certain convenient places, shall admonish the people to give thanks to God, in the beholding of God's benefits, *for the increase and abundance of his fruits upon the face of the earth*, with the saying of the hundred and fourth Psalm, 'Benedic anima mea,' &c.; at which time also the same minister shall inculcate this and such like sentences, '*Cursed be he which translateth the bounds and doles of his neighbour,' or such other order of prayer as shall be hereafter appointed.*" This heathen usage, however expedient and necessary to continue the *memory* of parochial land-marks, ought never to have been amalgamated with the holy service of our religion. Happily, in these days, the church needs no foreign aid—no decorative *folds:* the naked light and chaste symmetry of *Truth* is her single only dowry.

Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave. *Solomon.*

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XIV. MAY.

Oh! be thou blest with all that heav'n can send;
Long life, long youth, long pleasure—and a friend!
And ah! (since death must that dear frame destroy,)
Die by some sudden ecstasy of joy;
In some soft dream may thy mild soul remove,
And be thy latest gasp, a sigh of love!—*Birth-day Lines.*

Acts.

The Diipoleia, an Athenian festival, observed upon the fourteenth of Scirophorion, and so named, because it was sacred to Jupiter, surnamed *Polieus*, or the *protector of the city*. The sacrifice was an ox, one of a drove who had the ill-luck or impertinence to eat the consecrated cakes, placed most temptingly within the reach of their *maxillary hoppers*. Porphyry observes, that no less than three families were engaged in the sacrifice. The drivers or gentlemen of the *spur*,—the bores; those that knocked the offender upon the head, the Canaanites, who were descendants of Thaulon; and that very able family which slaughtered and cut him up, the butchers. The cooking and eating of a *beef-steak* has been sung with proper goût and dignity by Homer, the minstrel of Jove.

The Espousals of the Adriatic Sea, with the Venetian Republic, were annually solemnized upon Ascension Day, a ceremony which has been described by Evelyn, when Venice was in its pride and splendour, 1645. "The doge having heard mass in his robes of state (which are very particular, after the Eastern fashion), together with the Senate in their gowns, embarked in their gloriously painted, carved, and gilded *Bucentora*, environed and followed by innumerable galleys, gondolas, and boats, filled with spectators, some dressed in masquerade, trumpets, music, and cannons; having rowed about a league into the Gulf, the Duke, at the prow, casts a gold ring and cup into the sea, at which a loud acclamation is echoed from the great guns of the arsenal and at the Liddo.... We climbed up the tower of St. Mark: on the top is an angel, that turns with the wind, and from hence is a prospect down the Adriatic as far as Istria and the Dalmatian side, with the surprising sight of this miraculous city, lying in the bosom of the sea, in the shape of a lute; the numberless islands tacked together by no fewer than four hundred and fifty bridges.... It was now Ascension week, and the great mart or fair of the whole year was kept, every body at liberty and jolly."

He that ascended in a cloud, shall come
In clouds, descending to the public doom.—*Hesperides.*

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XIV. MAY.

Naught are all women; I say no,
Since for one bad, one good I know;
For Clytemnestra most unkind,
Loving Alcestis there we find;
For one Medea that was bad,
A good Penelope was had.—*Hesperides.*

Acts.

The siege of *Nice*, the Turkish capital of Soliman, Sultan of Roam, is opened by the French crusaders, whose camps formed an imperfect circle of more than six miles, 1097. It fell after a close investment, on the 20th of June. Roman engines were employed by the besiegers.

In the regulations published by Henry III. 1252, for the preservation of the peace, "Watch was ordered to be kept from sun-set to sun-rise, during the nights between the feast of the *Ascension* and that of St. Michael; in the villages by four or six stout and good men, armed with bows and arrows, and other light weapons; in the boroughs, by a company of twelve; and in the cities, by companies of six, stationed at every gate."

Montfort, Earl of Leicester, after the battle of Lewes, issues summonses in the King's name, convening a parliament at Winchester, *two knights for each county, and two burgesses for each borough*, 1264.—*See the 20th January.* The treaty called the 'Mise of Lewes,' was concluded on the following day.

Philip Massinger is entered a commoner of St. Alban's Hall, 1602.

Amerigo Vespucci sails with three ships furnished him by Emanuel of Portugal, that adventurer's third voyage, 1501. He extended his course as far as *Patagonia*, and returned in the month of September, 1502.

Catharina, the queen of Charles II. lands at *Portsmouth*, 1662.

The canal between the Baltic and North Sea is opened, 1785.

Vaccination is first applied by Dr. Edward Jenner, 1796.

The colossal Apollo in bronze, at Rhodes, (the land of *Roses*) which was regarded as one of the *seven wonders*, stood five hundred feet in stature. It was thrown down by an earthquake, (having braved a thousand winters), in the seventh century, when the metallic mass was sold by Mahwias, the Saracen invader, to a Jew, of Emessa, who conveyed his purchase on nine hundred camels to Alexandria.

This is one of the three great *Terminal* holidays.—*See 2d February.*

When once the sin has fully acted been,
Then is the horror of the trespass seen.—*Herrick.*

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XV. MAY.

When Orpheus strikes the trembling lyre,
The streams stand still, the stones admire;
The list'ning savages advance,
The wolf and lamb around him trip,
The bears in awkward measures leap,
And tigers mingle in the dance.
The moving woods attended as he play'd,
And Rhodope was left without a shade.—*Addison.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Idus. 19.	Richard Simon, 1638, *Dieppe.* Cardinal Julius Alberoni, 1664, *Placentia.* Dr. Richard Wooddeson, 1745, *Kingston upon Thames.* The greatest innovation that can be introduced in the constitution of England, is to come to a vote that there shall be no innovation in it. The greatest beauty of the constitution is, that in its very principle it admits of perpetual improvement. *Charles Fox.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Peter, Andrew, Paul, Nicomachus, and Denysa, *Martyrs in Asia*, 250. St. Dympna, *Virgin of Ireland*, Martyr in Brabant, 7th Cent. St. Genebrard (or Geneburn), *of Ireland*, Martyr in Brabant, 7th Century.	Valentinian II. (*Emperor*), A. D. 392. *strangled, Vienne.* (Milan.) *Saint* Isidore, 1170. *Madrid.* Henry Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, *beheaded*, 1464. *Hexham.* Menelaus Winsemius, 1639. d. *Franeker.* Francis Annibal d'Estrées, 1670. d. *Paris.* John Bagford, 1716. *Chartreuse.* Francis Malaval, 1719. d. *Marseilles.* Alexander Cunningham, 1737. *St. Martin's.* Ephraim Chambers, 1740. d. *Canonbury House.* (Abbey.) Dr. John Astruc, 1766. died, *Paris.* Antony Francis Riccoboni, 1772. Alban Butler, 1773. *St. Omer's.* James Mallet du Pan, 1800. d. *Richmond.* Dr. John Wall Callcott, 1821. John Bonnycastle, 1821. died, *Woolwich.*

An Englishman's real importance in his country will always be in a compound ratio of his virtue, his knowledge, and his eloquence. *Sir William Jones.*

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XV. MAY.

How glorious is thy girdle cast
  O'er mountain, tower, and town,
Or mirror'd in the ocean vast,
  A thousand fathoms down!
As fresh in yon horizon dark,
  As young thy beauties seem,
As when the eagle from the ark
  First sported in thy beam.—*The Rainbow.*

Acts.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the birth of *Mercury*, supposed to be a younger son of Noah, born within the ark, and the brother as well as pupil of the heathen Jupiter; known also by the several names of Hermes *Trismegistus*, (thrice-great), Tuisco, Teutates, Theuth or Thoth, (hence the *Teutones*), and Taautus. This great artist, astronomer, and benefactor, passed from Egypt into Europe, B. C. 1787; where, however, he seems to have introduced *human* expiatory sacrifices, and established Druidism, especially in the Britannic isles. The memory of his birth was preserved at Rome upon this day; when, in recollection of those extraordinary and terrific rites, two aged figures formed of rushes, men of straw, were cast by the high-priest, attended by the vestals, from the Æmylian bridge into the Tuscan stream. Mercury was the patron of foreign commerce, from which office he derives his Latin cognomen; and therefore, the Roman merchants observed their annual festival upon his day. Vegetius marks the ides of May as the period of safe navigation (*certa maris*), until the 14th of September; which is also, according to Ptolemy, the first day of Summer, although placed by Ovid two days, and by Columella, six days *sooner*. The old brown hat may now pass warrant in the sun.

The Jews, upon the fifteenth of *Sivan*, celebrate a feast for the victory of Judas Maccabeus over the people of Bethsan, or Scythopolis, B. C. 164.—1 *Macc.* v. 52.

The first *Decemvirate* began at Rome, B. C. 452. During this year of their authority, they compiled ten of the twelve tables: the remaining two were added in the following year. Respecting this famous code of laws, it was the decisive sentence of Cicero, that they were *justly to be preferred to whole libraries of the philosophers*. The friend of Hermodorus, in a dream, had seen all the nations of the earth bowing down before them, and worshipping them in the Persian manner. In a word they were the collected wisdom of Greece adapted to Roman habits.

Let those commendable qualities by which heroes obtained heaven, be ranked among the gods, as understanding, virtue, piety, fidelity. But let no worship ever be paid to any of the vices. *Twelve Tables.*

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[illegible] in Chalcis, the birth-place of the [illegible] [illegible] by Jamblichus, the historian, a very interesting [illegible] [illegible] the latter, A.D. [illegible] — [illegible]

King John, oppressed with guilt and despair, swears fealty to the Pope in the church of the Templars at Dover, 1213, and subscribes at the same time a charter, by which, as an atonement for his offences against God and the church, but of his own free-will, and with the unanimous consent of his barons (it was signed by one archbishop, one bishop, nine earls, and two barons), he granted to God, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to Pope Innocent, and Innocent's rightful successors, the kingdom of England, and the kingdom of Ireland, to be held of him and of the Roman church, in fee, by the annual rent (in addition to the Peter-pence) of one thousand marks, with the reservation to himself and his heirs of the administration of justice, and the peculiar rights of the crown. The sentence of excommunication was publicly revoked at Winchester, on the 20th of July, in the presence of the exiled bishops.

Henry, Prince of Wales, dates a despatch from his head-quarters at Shrewsbury, to the keepers of the Welsh marches, informing them that he had fired the two mansion-houses of Owen Glendower, called Saghern and Glyndowrdy, and wasted the country around, 1403.

The battle of Hexham, and defeat of Somerset, on the banks of the Dilswater. Montague, the general of Edward, then advanced against the Lords Roos and Hungerford, who, three days later, were taken and executed on the sandhill, at Newcastle, 1464. The punishment of Sir Ralph Gray, at Doncaster, for his perjury and [illegible], was, by the sentence of the king, that his spurs should be stricken off by the hard heels, by the hand of the master cook; his proper coat of arms torn off, and replaced by another reversed; then to be drawn to a scaffold at the town's end, and afterwards beheaded; his body to be buried in the Friars, and his head, where the king's pleasure should be.

When you doubt whether an intended action be good or bad, abstain from it.
Zoroaster.

XV. MAY.

Look how a little infant, that hath lost
The thing wherewith it was delighted most,
Weary with seeking, to some corner creeps,
And there (poor soul) it sits it down and weeps;
And when the nurse would fain content the mind,
Yet still it mourns, for that it cannot find.

Epistle to Brandon.

Acts.

Sir Charles Brandon, who became the brother-in-law of Harry VIII. for his services both by sea and land is created Viscount L'Isle, 1513; and in February following, he was advanced to the dukedom of Suffolk.

The *arraignment* of Anne Boleyn in the King's Hall at the Tower, 1536; Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, as Lord High Steward of England, sitting under the cloth of state, the Lord Chancellor on his right hand, and the *Duke of Suffolk* on his left; the Earl of Surrey sitting directly before his father, a degree lower, as Earl Marshal of England; to whom were joined twenty-six other peers, and among them the Queen's *father*, by all of whom she was to be tried, and received her condemnation.

Charles V. presents to the imperial diet his new system of faith, called the *Interim*, 1548.

The marriage of Mary, Queen of Scots, with the Earl of Bothwell is solemnized, 1567.—Queen Elizabeth entertains the French ambassadors with divers shows and devices, 1581.—Captain Langton conveys into Plymouth harbour, the Spanish admiral, of two hundred and fifty tons, taken in the Bay of Honduras, 1594. The celebrated Kepler discovers his canon for the periodic motions of the planets, 1618.

Pepys notes, this day, 1663: "The keeper of the Pell-mell told me of what the earth is mixed that doth floor the Mall, and that over all there is cockle-shells powdered, and spread to keep it fast; which, however, in dry weather turns to dust and deads the ball."

The surrender of the Isle of *Cayenne*, by the Dutch Governor, Guerin Spranger, to the French Commissioner, M. de Tracy, under articles of treaty, 1664.

The *Ashmolean Museum*, at Oxford, one of the works of Wren, is founded, 1679; for the purpose of receiving 'the twelve cart-loads of rarities,' that were deposited within its walls by the hands of Dr. Plot, on the 20th of March, 1682.

Dr. Johnson and John Wilkes meet at the *literary* table of Dilly, in the Poultry, 1776.—See the very amusing conversations in *Boswell*.

It is the guilt, not the scaffold, which constitutes the shame.—*Corneille.*

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XVI. MAY.

Art thou orator or painter:
Which allusion is the quainter?
Words thou canst with skill express:
Things in native colours dress:
While thy animated arm,
Limbs with elocution warm;
Motions just, and nicely true,
Are thy tongue and pencil too.---*The Actress.*—Aristænetus.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVII. Cal. Jun. 16.	Sir William Petty, 1623, *Rumsey.* Maria Gaetana Agnesi, 1718, *Milan.* Charles, Earl of Liverpool, 1727.	John XXI. (Pope), 1277. *killed, Viterbo.* Thomas Muncer, 1526. *executed, Mulhausen.* Dr. Thomas Smith, 1710. d. *London.* Paul Rapin *de Thoyras*, 1725. d. *Wesel.* Dr. John Hoadly, 1776. Dr. Daniel Solander, 1782. Elizabeth Alexiowna, *(of Russia)*, 1826. Sir William Congreve, 1828.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Abdas, *Bishop in Chaldæa*, 4th Century.
St. Abdjesus (or Hebedjesus), *Bishop in Chaldæa*, died 5th Century.
St. Carantocus (or Carneck), *a Briton, assistant of St. Patrick.*
St. Brendan the Elder, *Abbot of Clonfert in Ireland*, d. 578.
St. Honoratus (or Honore), *Bishop of Amiens*, 7th Cent.
St. Ubaldus, *Bishop of Gubio*, d. 1160.
St. Simon Stock, *of Kent*, died, *Bourdeaux*, 1265.
St. John Nepomucen, *Martyr in Bohemia*, d. 1383.

It is great pity that the same uprightness and integrity, which raises naturally jealousy, and envy, and malice, in the hearts of other men, should deprive those who are possessed of it of all wariness, and dexterity, and address, which is at least convenient for the manifestation and support of that uprightness and sincerity. *Clarendon.*

It shall be lawful to kill a thief in the night if taken with the manner.
Athenian Laws.

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XVI. MAY.

Sly Beelzebub took all occasions
To try Job's constancy and patience;
He took his honours, took his health,
He took his children, took his wealth,
His camels, horses, asses, cows,
Still the sly devil did not take his spouse.—*Job's Luck.*

Acts.

SIR THOMAS MORE resigns the great Seal (which had been delivered to him on the 25th of October, 1529) into the hands of his royal master, who, on the 20th day, grants it to Sir Thomas Audley, 1532.

Mary, queen of Scots, crosses the Frith of Solway, *the irremeable stream*, and lands, during the evening of this day, at Workington, in Cumberland, and proceeds the next day to Carlisle, 1568.

Evelyn notes, in 1672, when at Dover: "The Duke of York, with his and the French squadron, in all one hundred and seventy ships (of which above one hundred were men of war), sailed by after the *Dutch*, who were newly withdrawn. Such a gallant and formidable navy never, I think, spread sail upon the seas. It was a goodly, yet terrible sight, to behold them as I did, passing eastward by the Streights twixt Dover and Calais in a glorious day."—*See 28th May.*

Female dancers are first introduced on the Parisian stage, at the theatre of the Palais Royal, in a court opera, called '*Le Triomphe de l'Amour*,' 1681. This was during the lively reign of Louis XIV.

Titus Oates is convicted of perjury and many other crimes, 1685.

King William is entertained on board the Admiral's ship at Portsmouth, and bestows honours and rewards among the officers and seamen, upon their recent defeat of the French in *Bantry Bay*, 1689.

The Dauphin (Louis XVI.) of France, espouses Maria Antoinette, Archduchess of Vienna, 1770. A remarkable *tempest* on that nuptial day was an omen, said the superstitious, of their future misfortunes.

The French navigator, De Pages, passes the eighty-first degree of north latitude, in an attempt to reach the Pole, 1776.

The French take possession of *Venice*, "boasting of an independence of fourteen centuries, during which she had often foiled the attacks of the most potent princes, and had held in her hands the balance of Italy," 1797. The oligarchy henceforth ceased to legislate, and a provisional government was soon after established on the model of France.

General Beresford repulses Marshal Soult at *Albuera*, 1811.

Do not forget that the power of acting arises from pleasing mankind; but that moroseness occasions a desertion of associates.—*Plato.*

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XVII. MAY.

Horrour covers all the heath,
Clouds of carnage blot the Sun.
Sisters, weave the web of death;
Sisters, cease, the work is done.
Hail the task and hail the hands!
Songs of joy and triumph sing!
Joy to the victorious bands;
Triumph to the younger king.—*The Orcades.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
XVI. Cal. 17.	Dr. Edward Jenner, 1749, *Berkeley.* If he make a visit, our *parasite* runs before him, gives notice to the master of the house; and returns quite out of breath to let him know that every thing is ready for his reception. He is perfectly well versed in all female business, and is as handy among the women as the best of them. *Theophrastus.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Possideus of Calama, *Bishop in Numidia,* Patron of Mirandola, 5th Century. St. Maden (or Madern), *of Cornwall.* St. Maw, of Falmouth, *Bishop.* (painted as a Schoolmaster.) St. Cathan, *Bishop in Scotland,* c. 7th Century. St. Silave (or Silan), *Bishop in Ireland,* 1100. St. Paschal Baylon, *of Spain,* d. 1592.	Heloise, 1163. died, *Paraclete Abbey.* (Père la Chaise.) Edward Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, 1521. *bhd. Tower Hill.* George Boleyn, 1536. *beheaded, Tower Hill.* Archbishop (Matthew) Parker, 1575. *Lambeth.* Bishop (Gervase) Babington, 1610. *Worcester.* Jacob Augustus Thuanus, 1617. *St. Andrew's of the Arches, Paris.* Charles, Duke de Montausier, 1690. Joseph Bingham, 1723. *Headbourne-Worthy.* Catharine I. (*of Russia*), 1727. d. *Petersburg.* Dr. S. Clarke, 1729. d. *London.* Wm. Lowth, 1732. *Buriton.* Peter Julian Rouille, 1740. d. *Paris.* S. Boyse, 1749. d. *Shoe Lane.* Dr. William Heberden, 1801. *Windsor.* Augustus, Duke of Saxe Gotha, 1822. Margaret Nicholson, 1828. d. *Bethlehem Hospital.*

The censure of those that are opposite to us, is the nicest commendation that can be given. *St. Evremond.*

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XVII. MAY.

A great deal has been said of the power, of the strength of America. It is a topic that ought to be cautiously meddled with. In a good cause, on a sound bottom, the force of this country can crush America to atoms. I know the valour of your troops. I know the skill of your officers. There is not a company of foot that has served in America, out of which you may not pick a man of sufficient knowledge and experience to make a governor of a colony there. But, on this ground, on the stamp act, I am one who will lift up my hands against it.

Chatham.

Acts.

THE seventeenth of *Sivan,* was a feast among the Jews for the taking of Cæsarea, by the Asmoneans.

Richard, Earl of Cornwall, brother of Harry the Third, is inaugurated King of the Romans, at Aix-la-Chapelle, Ascension-day, 1257.

A new weathercock, cross and ball, are set up on the steeple of St. Paul's and solemnly *consecrated,* 1498.

Anne of Denmark is crowned Queen of Scotland in the Abbey of Holyrood House, 1590.

War is declared by King William and Mary against France, 1689.

Lady Montagu writes from Adrianople to her friend, the Abbé, with an account of the Turkish May-processions, or *Cerealia,* 1717. The description is too long for these columns, but extremely curious.

General Washington addresses the following honest *letter* to his friend, Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, dated from Mount Vernon, 1785: "Dear Sir,—In for a penny in for a pound, is an old adage. I am so hackneyed to the touches of the painter's pencil, that I am now altogether at their beck, and sit like patience on a monument, whilst they are delineating the lines on my face. It is a proof, among others, of what habit and custom can effect. At first, I was as impatient at the request, and as restive under the operation, as a colt is of the saddle. The next time, I submitted very reluctantly, but with less flouncing. Now, no dray moves more readily to the thills than I do to the painter's chair. It may easily be conceived, therefore, that I yielded a ready obedience to your request, and to the views of Mr. Pine. Letters from England, recommendatory of that gentleman, came to my hands previous to his arrival in America, not only as an artist of acknowledged eminence, but as one who had discovered a friendly disposition towards this country, for which, it seems, he had been marked. It gave me pleasure to hear from you."

The thoughts that come unsought, and as it were dropt into the mind, are commonly the most valuable of any we have, and therefore should be secured, because they seldom return again. ***Locke.***

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Two different Bags, great Jove has will'd,
There should on man be hung:
One, with his own faults only fill'd,
Behind his back is slung.
This he nor sees, nor for it cares,
But sore with t'other labours;
For full before his face it bears
The failings of his neighbours.—*Phædrus.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XV. Cal. 18.	John Papirius Masson, 1544, *Forez.*	Bishop (Nicholas) Longespee, 1297.
		Robert, (Emperor), 1410.
		William Thomas, 1554. *executed, Tyburn.*
	The wishing of a thing is not properly the willing of it; but it is that which is called by the schools an *imperfect velleity*, and imports no more than an idle, unoperative complacency in, and desire of the end, without any consideration of the means. *South's Sermons.*	Archbishop (Samuel) Harsnet, 1631. *Chigwell.*
		Samuel des Marets, 1663. d. *Groningen.*
		Stanislaus Lubienietski, 1675. *poisoned, Hamburg.*
		Bishop (Herbert) Croft, 1691. *Hereford.*
		Elias Ashmole, 1692. *Great Lambeth.*
		Frederic Spanheim, *the Younger*, 1701. d. *Leyden.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.*	Count de Choiseul Beaupre, 1711. d. *Havqnnah.*
	St. Venantius, *of Ancona, M.* 250.	Edmund Chishull, 1733. *Walthamstow.*
	St. Theodotus, *Vintner*, and seven Virgins, *Martyrs*, 303.	Bishop (John) Douglas, 1807. *St. George's Chapel, Windsor.*
	St. Potamon, *Bishop of Heraclea in Egypt*, Martyr, 341.	Sir John Carter, 1808. *Portsmouth.*
	St. Eric (or Henry) IX. *Patron of Sweden*, Martyr, 1151.	John Bellingham, *hanged*, 1812.

It was a saying of one of the vilest of the Popes that his *slaves* and *spaniels* were the cleverest things about him.—Pray God they may never show their faces in England, for by such foreign doings, John Bull, like other great states, will ultimately fall, and lose its nobility of character. *Sir Roger L'Estrange.*

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XVIII. MAY.

Blondel led the tuneful band,
And swept the wire with glowing hand.
Cyprus, from her rocky mound,
And Crete, with piny verdure crown'd,
Far along the smiling main
Echoed the prophetic strain.—*The Crusade.*

Acts.

The loss of *Acre* by the Franks, or Latin Christians, and all Palestine, by consequence, of which that promiscuous colony was the last bulwark and the key, 1291. "After a siege of thirty-three days, the double wall was forced by the Moslems, the principal tower yielded to their engines, the Mamalukes made a general assault, the city was stormed, and death or slavery was the lot of sixty thousand Christians."

The siege of *Malta* by the Turks, which is abandoned with the loss of thirty thousand men, 1566.

Newton directs the conduct of a juvenile *traveller*, 1669: "When you come into any fresh company, 1. Observe their humours. 2. Suit your own carriage thereto, by which insinuation you will make their converse more free and open. 3. Let your discourse be more in queries and doubtings, than peremptory assertions or disputings, it being the design of travellers to learn, not to teach. You will find little or no advantage in seeming wiser, or much more ignorant than your company. 4. Seldom discommend any thing, though never so bad, or do it but moderately, lest you be unexpectedly forced to an unhandsome retraction; for it is safer to commend any thing more than it deserves, than to discommend a thing so much as it deserves."

An extraordinary meteor, called vulgarly *a flaming sword*, was first observed at Leeds, 1710, at a quarter past ten, after the meridian. Its direction was from south to north, and was in appearance shaped like a trumpet, moving with its mouth foremost.

War is declared between Great Britain and France, 1756. Buonaparte *assumes* the Imperial dignity, confirmed by a decree of the republican legislature, of which he was informed six months later, 1804.

I have seen men incapable of the sciences, but never any incapable of virtue.
Confucius.

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XIX. MAY.

They parted ne'er to meet again,—
But never either found another
To free the hollow heart from paining—
They stood aloof the scars remaining,
Like cliffs which had been rent asunder;
A dreary sea now flows between,
But neither heat, nor frost, nor thunder,
Shall wholly do away, I ween,
The marks of that which once hath been.—*Christabel.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIV. Cal. 19.	Augustus, Earl of Bristol, 1724. Charlotte (*of England*), 1744, *Lower Saxony.* John Theophilus Fichte, 1762, *Rammenau.* One of the philosophers who was most persecuted, was the immortal Bayle, the honour of human nature. I shall be told that the name of Jurieu, his slanderer and persecutor, is become execrable; I acknowledge that it is so; that of the jesuit, Le Tellier, is become so likewise. *Voltaire.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Pudentiana, *Virgin of Rome*, 1st Century. St. Dunstan, *Archbishop of Canterbury*, d. 988. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Peter Celestine V. *Pope*, d. 1296.	St. Hidulphus, *of Triers*, A. D. 729. Flaccus Alcuinus, 804. *Tours.* Count de Perche, 1217. *killed, Lincoln.* Otho IV. (*of Germany*), 1218. d. *Hantzburg Castle.* St. Yvo Helori, *of Brittany*, 1303. Anne Boleyn, 1536. *beheaded, Tower.* Thomas Sanchez, 1610. *Granada.* Osman I. (*Emperor*), *strangled*, 1622. John Hales, 1656. *Eton College.* Ferdinando Ughelli, 1670. *Rome.* John Greenhill, 1676. Samuel Badcock, 1788. d. *May Fair.* James Boswell, 1795. d. *Portland Street.* William, Lord Byron, 1798. Tamaahmaah I. 1819. died, *Owhyhee.*

The purity of her Court was a model and an example.

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XIX. MAY.

When this is known, then to divide the times:
So many hours must I tend my flock;
So many hours must I take my rest;
So many hours must I contemplate;
So many hours must I sport myself;
So minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years,
Past over to the end they were created,
Would bring white hairs unto a quiet grave.—*King Henry VI.*

Acts.

THE battle before the gates of *Lincoln*, which effectually secured this country from the dominion of a foreign invader, Louis the Dauphin, who was then holding his court within the walls of LONDON, 1217. Nichola de Camville was, on this occasion, celebrated for her heroism and *loyalty*, by defending the castle against the confederate traitors.

King Henry VI. is *knighted* by his uncle, John, the famous Duke of Bedford, at Leicester, upon Whit-Sunday, in his fifth year, 1426.

Columbus proceeds towards Cuba, and names the headland called *Cabo de Cruz*, upon this day, 1494. The Archipelago, called by him, the Queen's Garden, was, in his belief, the five thousand islands which Marco Polo and Mandeville described as the boundary of *India*. He now ascertained from the natives, that Cuba was an *island*, but after coasting it for three hundred and thirty-five leagues from the eastern point, he renounced the idea; and, but for a scarcity of provisions, would have attempted to return to Europe by way of the Red Sea.

The decollation of the Queen, Anne Boleyn, 1536: "Friends and good Christian people, I am here in your presence to suffer death, whereto I acknowledge myself adjudged by the law, how justly I will not say; I intend not an accusation of any one. I beseech the Almighty to preserve his Majesty, long to reign over you: a more gentle or mild prince never swayed sceptre; his bounty and clemency towards me I am sure hath been special; if any one intend an inquisitive survey of my actions, I entreat him to judge favourably of me, and not rashly to admit any censorious conceit; and so I bid the world farewell, beseeching you to commend me in your prayers to God."—This was spoken *smilingly!*

It is as honourable as it is safe, to shun all contention.—*Cæsar.*

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XIX. MAY.

Thou hast most delicate organs, friend, I know;
Thou hearest the grass of spring-time grow
In the fair land of song—yet when the breeze
Rustles and agitates the laurel trees,
Shaking each bough and leaf,
Then—thou art deaf.—*A fine Ear.*—Klopstock.

Acts.

The *Spanish Armada*, which was so signally overthrown, partly by the winds of heaven, and gloriously completed by native valour and discretion, sailed upon this day from the Tagus, 1588. The English fleet left Plymouth Harbour about the same time, under the renowned Charles Howard, whose Admiralty mantle, "inwrought with figures dim," was supposed wide enough to wrap in King Arthur and all his *round table.*

King James grants to the company of players at the *Globe Theatre*, seated on the Bankside, a license, under seal, to his servants, *William Shakespeare*, Richard Burbage, and their associates, "freely to use and exercise the art and faculty of playing comedies, tragedies, *histories*, interludes, *morals*, *pastorals*, stage-plays, and such like." The present patent varies from that of Elizabeth by an additional clause, that the magistrates to whom it is addressed, should be "aiding or assisting to them if any wrong be to them offered, and to allow them such former courtesies as hath been given to men of their place and quality; and also what further favour you shall show to these our servants, for our sake, we shall take kindly at your hands."

King James issues *farthing tokens*, by proclamation, 1613.

Oliver Cromwell is created Doctor of Laws, at Oxford, 1649.

Evelyn is at *Margate*, 1672: "This town much consists of brewers of a certain heady ale, and they deal much in malt, &c. For the rest, 'tis raggedly built, and has an ill haven, with a small fort, of little concernment, nor is the island well disciplined; but as to the husbandry and rural part, far exceeding any part of England, for the accurate culture of their ground, in which they exceed, even to curiosity and emulation. We passed through a sweet garden as it it were, to Canterbury."

Sir George Rooke defeats the French fleet off the Cape of *La Hogue*, in Normandy, an immortal and splendid victory, in which they lost twenty of their capital ships, 1692.

Love all mankind, but cherish those who are good. Forget injuries, but never benefits. *Confucius.*

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XIX. MAY.

The known dishonest cause
I never did defend,
Nor spun out suits in length,
But wish'd and sought an end:
Nor fee did ever take
For which I never spake.—*Sir John Davis.*

Acts.

Sir Matthew Hale is appointed Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, 1671. "He did not, however, preside long in this court: his strength and health shortly began to fail him; and though for a time he endeavoured to perform the duties of his office, being supported to the bench by his servants, he at length resolved to resign the seat for which he found himself unfit. He made an earnest application for his *writ of ease;* but such was the general satisfaction which his conduct, as chief justice, had given, that the King delayed for some time the granting of his request." This pillar of integrity signed his resignation on the 21st of February, 1675, shortly to be numbered with '*the mighty dead,*' not as a judge alone, but as a philosopher, and for his humanity.

The Vice-chancellor of Oxford grants his *imprimatur* for the publication of Dr. Young's poem on the *Last Day*, 1713.

War is declared between Great Britain and France, 1756.

The Portuguese sovereignty is re-established, in Pernambuco, 1817.

A note by the shepherd-astronomer, Ferguson, in manuscript: "The dome of St. Paul's is one hundred and forty-five feet in diameter. Suppose a globe of this size to represent the *Sun;* then a globe of nine seven-tenths inches will represent *Mercury;* one of seventeen nine-tenths inches, *Venus;* one of eighteen inches, the *Earth;* one of five inches diameter, the *Moon* (whose distance from the Earth is two hundred and forty thousand miles); one of ten inches, *Mars;* one of fifteen feet, *Jupiter;* and one of eleven and a half feet, *Saturn*, with his ring, four feet broad, and at the same distance from his body all around. In this proportion, suppose the Sun to be at *St. Paul's*, then Mercury might be at the *Tower*, Venus at *St. James's*, the Earth at *Marylebone*, Mars at *Kensington*, Jupiter, at *Hampton Court*, and Saturn at *Clifden*, all moving round the cupola of St. Paul's, as their common *centre*.

Our actions are like the terminations of verses, which we rhyme as we please.
Rochefoucault.

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XX. MAY.

He sucks intelligence in every clime,
And spreads the honey of his deep research
At his return—a rich repast for me.
He travels, and I too. I tread his deck,
Ascend his topmast, through his peering eyes
Discover countries, with a kindred heart
Suffer his woes, and share in his escapes;
While fancy, like the finger of a clock,
Runs the great circuit, and is still at home.

William Cowper.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIII. Cal. 20.	Albert Durer, 1471, *Nuremburg.* Colonel Charles Cavendish, 1620, *London.* Elijah Fenton, 1683, *Shelton, in Staffordshire.* Sir William Congreve, 1772.	Christopher Columbus, 1506. d. *Valladolid.* (St. Domingo.) Bishop (Miles) Coverdale, 1568. Nicholas Serarius, 1610. *Mayence.* Bishop (Thomas) Sprat, 1713. d. *Bromley.* (Abbey.) Dr. Nicholas Brady, 1726. died, *Clapham.* James le Quien *de la Neufville*, 1728. Thomas Boston, 1732. died, *Etterick.* Dr. Wm. Robertson, 1783. d. *Wolverhampton.* Antony Louis, 1792. d. *Paris.* Charles Bonnet, 1793. d. *Geneva.* Dr. Joseph Towers, 1799.

Impudent man! thou hast worshipped God; thou hast preached and practised virtue; thou hast served and assisted man; thou hast protected the orphan, hast succoured the poor; thou hast changed deserts, in which slaves dragged on a miserable existence, into fertile districts, peopled with happy families; but I have discovered that thou hast never read my controversial work.

The Persecutor.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Ethelbert, *King of the East Angles, Martyr*, 793.
Yvo, *Bishop of Chartres*, 1115.
St. Bernardin, *of Sienna*, died 1444.

I will show the judge that thou hast spoken disrespectfully for these ten years past of Tobit's dog, which thou assertest to have been a spaniel, whilst I maintain that it was a greyhound.

Voltaire.

Let Sporus tremble.

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XX. MAY.

For we were nurs'd upon the self-same hill,
Fed the same flock, by fountain, shade, and rill,
Together both, ere the high lawns appear'd
Under the opening eyelids of the Morn,
We drove afield, and both together heard
What time the grey-fly winds her sultry horn.—*Lycidas.*

Acts.

An earthquake at Antioch, by which two hundred and fifty thousand persons are said to have perished, A. D. 526.

Richard the First raises the siege of *Verneuil*, in Normandy, 1195.

Alonzo de Ojeda sails from Port St. Mary's, Cadiz, 1499, upon a western voyage of discovery, accompanied by Juan de la Cosa, as his chief pilot, and *Americus Vespucci*, but with orders not to touch at any port which Columbus had discovered before 1495. The expedition returned in the following October. "In what station Americus served is uncertain; but as he was an experienced sailor, and eminently skilful in all the sciences subservient to navigation, he seems to have acquired such authority among his companions, that they willingly allowed him to have a chief share in directing their operations during the voyage. Soon after his return, he transmitted an account of his adventures and discoveries to one of his countrymen; and labouring, with the vanity of a traveller, to magnify his own exploits, he had the address and confidence to frame his narrative, so as to make it appear that he had the glory of having first discovered the continent in the New World. Amerigo's account was drawn up, not only with art, but with some elegance. It contained an amusing history of his voyage, and judicious observations upon the natural productions, the inhabitants, and the customs of the countries which he had visited. As it was the first description of any part of the New World that was published, a performance so well calculated to gratify the passion of mankind for what is new and marvellous, circulated rapidly, and was read with admiration. The country, of which Amerigo was supposed to be the discoverer, came gradually to be called by his name. The caprice of mankind, often as unaccountable

Three things are difficult: to keep a secret, to bear an injury patiently, and to spend leisure well. *Chilo.*

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XX. MAY.

Of the three Simmer months they say,
The most of luck is the twenty o' May,
Our hearts and hands to join;
This bloom which fills the fragrant aire
Shall rest upon thy bosom faire,
And thou shall rest on mine.—*Old Ballad.*

Acts.

as unjust, has perpetuated this error. By the universal consent of nations, AMERICA is the name bestowed on this new quarter of the globe. The bold pretensions of a fortunate impostor have robbed the discoverer of the New World of a distinction which belonged to him. The name of *Amerigo* has supplanted that of COLUMBUS; and mankind may regret an act of injustice, which, having received the sanction of time, it is now too late to redress."—*See 12th October.*

This day is the anniversary of the death of Columbus, 1506. A free and generous spirit may be distinguished in its features, as the cook's discipline is seen through the rags and lardings of an *oglio.* The following characteristics are authentic. "He was tall, strong, and well-proportioned, with a long face, aquiline nose, grey eyes, ruddy complexion, and light hair: he appeared born to command. He was easy of access, affable to strangers, kind to his domestics, and gay with his friends. He had a great soul, commanding genius, great presence of mind, and a heart proof against all accidents. He was fertile in resources, circumspect in his actions, and without ostentation. His courteous manners and judicious eloquence made his gravity agreeable. He was zealous for the public good, and above all for religion."

The Dominus Vobiscum, and another vessel, fitted out at the expense of King Harry the Eighth, sails from London on a voyage of discovery to the American coast, 1527. A canon of St. Paul's, a great mathematician, and several "*cunning men,*" were on board: one of these vessels was wrecked in a very large gulf to the northward; the other coasted along to the southward, and returned to England in October. Hackluyt could obtain no other information: but the attempt should be noted.

The greatest vicissitude of things amongst men, is the vicissitude of sects and religions; for those orbs rule in men's minds most. The true religion is built upon the rock; the rest are tossed upon the waves of time. *Bacon.*

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XX. MAY.

Her cheeks so rare a white was on,
No daisy makes comparison;
(Who sees them is undone,)
For streaks of red were mingled there,
Such as are on a Cath'rine pear,
(The side that's next the sun.)—*Suckling.*

Acts.

Henry the Eighth espouses *Jane Seymour*, upon this day, 1536, "who, on the nine and twentieth, was publicly showed Queen."

"A book of *Pericles, Prince of Tyre,*" and another book called "*Antony and Cleopatra,*" are entered by Edward Blount, at Stationers' Hall, 1608. Also, on the same day, 1609, by Thomas Thorpe, a book called "*Shakspeare's Sonnets.*"

King James, upon his return from Scotland, publicly declares his pleasure, 1618, "that after the end of divine service, the people should not be letted from any lawful recreation on Sundays, such as dancing either of men or women, archery for men, vaulting or any other such lawful recreation, nor from having May-games, Whitsun-ales, and Morris-dances, and the setting up of May-poles, and other sports therewith used; and that women should have leave to carry rushes to the church for the decoring of it, according to their old custom." This permission however, was not to extend to recusants, nor even to conformists if they had not on the same day attended divine service.

The naval battle at Fort Philip, in Minorca, 1756. John Byng, the British Admiral, was shot by the sentence of a court-martial, for not having *done his duty* in this engagement, but which his death belied.

A florist, at Harlem, refuses ten thousand florins for a hyacinth, the "*sanguine flower inscribed with woe,*" 1771.

Hicks's Hall, in Clerkenwell, is founded upon this day, 1779.

The ninth month, *Prairiel*, of the French Republican year began; about the period (the next day) when the sun enters the zodiacal sign, *Gemini;* but marked on the nineteenth by the Roman calendar.

A woman impudent and mannish grown is not more loath'd than an effeminate man in time of action. *Troilus and Cressida.*

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XXI. MAY.

As one, who long in thickets and in brakes
Entangled, winds now this way and now that
His devious course uncertain, seeking home;
Or having long in miry ways been foil'd
And sore discomfited, from slough to slough
Plunging, and half despairing of escape,
If chance at length he find a greensward smooth
And faithful to the foot, his spirits rise;
He cherups brisk his ear-erecting steed,
And winds with pleasure and with ease his way.—*The Task.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
XII. Cal. 21.	Philip II. (*of Spain*), 1527, *Valladolid.* Francis Egerton, Duke of Bridgewater, 1736. Bryan Edwards, 1743, *Westbury.*	Paulus Æmylius, B. C. 216. *killed, Cannæ.* Louis V. (*of France*), *poisoned,* A. D. 987. Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, 1524. *Thetford.* Dr. John Reynolds, 1607. James Graham, Marquis of Montrose, 1650. *executed, Edinburgh.* Joseline Percy, Earl of Northumberland, 1670. *Cardinal* Michael Angelo Ricci, 1682. d. *Rome.* Cornelius Tromp, 1691. d. *Amsterdam.* (Delft.) Gaspard Abeille, 1718. d. *Paris.* James Maboul, 1723. d. *Aeth.* Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, 1724. *Brampton Bryan.* James Anthony Bassani, 1747. d. *Vicenza.* Lady Charlotte Masham, 1773. *Laver.* Sir John Hawkins, 1789. Dr. Thomas Warton, 1790. *Trinity College, Oxford.*

Goodness I call the habit, and goodness of nature the inclination. This, of all virtues and dignities of the mind, is the greatest, being the character of the Deity; and without it man is a busy, mischievous, wretched thing, no better than a kind of vermin. It answers to the theological virtue, charity, and admits no excess, but error.

Lord Bacon.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Hospitius, (*or commonly* Sospis), *of Provence,* d. 681.
St. Godrick, *of Norfolk, Hermit,* d. 1170.
St. Felix, *of Cantalicio,* 1587.

What scope for virtue is there in a prostrate embarrassed country!—*Trajan.*

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XXI. MAY.

Great Janus, I thy pleasure,
With all the Thespian treasure,
Do seriously pursue;
To the past year returning,
As though the old adjourning,
Yet bringing in the new.---*Drayton.*

Acts.

THE battle of Cannæ, near the river Ofanto, in which the Roman Consuls were vanquished by Hannibal, a general who knew not the use of victory, with the loss of forty thousand men, including 5630 knights, B.C. 216. The *Agonia* to Janus were now repeated at Rome.

John Cantacuzenus, the historian of his own times, and a defender of the faith, is inaugurated Emperor at Constantinople, A.D. 1342.

The famous treaty of *Troyes*, called "the perpetual peace," is ratified and signed in that city between Henry V. of England and the Commissioners of Charles VII. of France, 1420. By these articles Henry was to receive the hand of *Kate*, the monarch's daughter, and upon his death, "the crown of France, with all its rights and dominions."

Thomas, Lord Cromwell, the minister of Henry VIII. addresses the prior of Trewardreth as to his manerial rights and *liberties* within the borough of Fowey, in Cornwall: "For his highness thinketh, that the said port of Fowey oweth to be his, and to be held of him, so that his grace intendeth from henceforth to have it as well provided for with good governance, and of defence for utter enemies, as other his towns and ports be within these parts. Whereunto ye for your part before this time have had little or no regard, neither to the good order, rule, and defence thereof, *nor yet to the good governance of yourself, your monastery, and religion, as ye are bound; wherefore his highness thinketh that ye be very unworthy to have rule of any town, that cannot well rule yourself.*"

Buonaparte relinquishes the siege of Acre, in Palestine, which had continued for sixty days, and retreats upon *Jaffa*, from which place he marched six days after for Egypt, 1799. The name of Sir Sydney Smith will always be well associated by his countrymen with this event.

The bloody battle of *Wurtschen*, which continued *sweepingly* for two days, near Bautzen, 1813. The Prussians were driven from their position, and Napoleon advanced in a foam to *Breslaw*, leaving 15,000 Frenchmen in the searching claws of their *executors*—the crows.

If a storm happen from an easterly point on this or the two preceding days the ensuing summer will, four times in five, be dry.

Wit and wisdom differ; wit is upon the sudden turn; wisdom is in bringing about ends. *Selden.*

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XXII. MAY.

So pleas'd at first the towering Alps we try,
Mount o'er the vales, and seem to tread the sky;
Th' eternal snows appear already past,
And the first clouds and mountains seem the last:
But, those attain'd, we tremble to survey
The growing labours of the lengthen'd way;
Th' increasing prospect tires our wandering eyes,
Hills peep o'er hills, and alps on alps arise!

Pope on Science.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XI. Cal. 22.	Alexander Pope, 1688, *Lombard Street, London.* Michael Dandre-Bardon, 1700, *Aix in Provence.*	Constantine the Great, A.D. 337. d. *Palace of Aquyrion, Nicomedia.* (Constantinople.) Conrad IV. (Emperor), *poisoned*, 1254. Henry VI. (*of England*), 1471. *murdered, Tower.* J. B. Villalpandi, 1608. d. *Rome.* *Fabio Chigi*, Alexander VII. (Pope), 1667. John Andrew Quenstedt, 1688. James Bertie, Earl of Abingdon, 1699. *Rycote.* Sebastian Vaillant, 1722. Robert, Lord Molesworth, 1725. d. *Ireland.* Dr. Robert Dick, 1757. John Entick, 1773. *Stepney.* John Baptist Beccaria, 1781. d. *Turin.* Garrett Wellesley, Earl of Mornington, 1784. General Duroc, *killed*, 1813. *Wurtschen.* Dr. Joseph White, 1814. d. *Oxford.* Dr. Joseph Kemp, 1824. d. *London.*

What a chimera then is man! what a confused chaos! what a subject of contradiction! a professed judge of all things, yet a feeble worm of the earth! the great depositary and guardian of truth, and yet a mere huddle of uncertainty! the glory and the scandal of the universe!

Pascal.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Castus and Æmilius, *Martyrs in Africa*, 250.
St. Basiliscus, *Bishop of Comana, Martyr*, 312.
St. Bodo, *of Provence*, 985.
St. Yvo Helori, *of Britany*, 1303.
St. Conall, *Abbot of Ennis-Chavil in Ireland.*

Damn'd to the mines, an equal fate betides
The slave that digs it, and the slave that hides.—*Riches.*

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XXII. MAY.

Such was the Chian's father's strain,
To many a kind domestic train
Whose pious hearth and genial bowl
Had cheer'd the reverend pilgrim's soul.
He struck his magic strings;
And pour'd spontaneous numbers forth,
And seiz'd their ears with tales of ancient worth,
And fill'd their musing hearts with vast heroic things.

Acts.

The battle near the *Granicus*, in Bithynia, so familiar to the mouth of every tyro, was decided in *Thargelion*, corresponding with this day, B. C. 334. The Macedonian hero overrun Caria before the winter; then he advanced to Gordium, reduces Lycia, and the famous battle of *Issus* followed in November, *quum jam hiems instaret*, B. C. 333.

The death of Constantine the Great, A. D. 337: his three sons took possession of the imperial inheritance on the 11th of September.

James I. of Scotland, is crowned eighteen years after his accession, having been for all that period immured in captivity, 1424.

The murder of Henry VI. in the Tower, the evening of the same day that Edward made his entry into London, Ascension-eve, 1471.

Vasco de Gama lands at *Calicut*, upon the coast of Malabar, which was the first Indian port visited by an European vessel, 1498.

The *Holy league*, between Francis I. and the Italian States against the Emperor Charles, is concluded at Cognac, 1526.

James V. embarks at Leith in a voyage of inspection round his kingdom, which he completes in July at Dumbarton, 1540.

Bishop Jewel, in a private letter to his friend, Bullinger, 1559, observes that "Queen Elizabeth refuses to be called head of the church, as it was a title that could not justly be given to any mortal."

Sir Walter Raleigh discovers and names the *Red Cross River*, 1595.

The order of Baronets of *Nova Scotia* is now first instituted, 1625.

King Charles II. and the Duke are at Newmarket, *at a great horse race*, 1668. A vast luminous meteor appears at Leipsic, 1680.

An eclipse of the sun accurately calculated by *Henry Pitot*, 1724.

Kouli Khan defeats the Turkish army in Persia, this day, 1734. A total inundation of *Formosa*, by volcanic agency during a storm, 1782.

A very ancient feast, called *sops and ale*, is observed at Eastbourne.

Dost thou think, because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cakes and ale?—Yes, by St. Anne; and ginger shall be hot i' the mouth too!

What You Will.

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XXIII. MAY.

The goblet in my hand I take,
(For the libation's yet to make,)
A health to poets! all their days
May they have bread, as well as praise;
Sense may they seek, and less engage
In papers fill'd with party-rage.
But if their riches spoil their vein,
Ye Muses make them poor again.—*The Bookworm.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
x. Cal. 23.	Elias Ashmole, 1617, *Lichfield.* Dr. William Hunter, 1718, *Kilbride, in Lanarkshire.* Catharine II. (*of Russia*), 1729, *Zerbst Castle, Germany.*	Leo II. (Pope), A. D. 683. Henry V. (Emperor), 1125. d. *Utrecht.* Henry Percy, 2d Earl of Northumberland, 1455. *k.* St. *Albans.* Edmund Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, 1455. *k. St. Albans.* Jerome Savonarola, 1498. *burned, Florence.* Sir Richard Carew, 1520. Francis Algarotti, 1764. *Pisa.* William Woollet, 1785. M. A. Count de Benyowsky, 1786. *killed, Madagascar.* Lewis Dutens, 1812. d. *London.*

When the moon is in her quadratures, the tides are less than at any other times in the month. The reason of this is, because the attractive forces of the sun and moon crossing each other, are as contrary as is possible to the swelling of the sea in the same situation.

Algarotti.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Desiderius, *Bishop of Langres, Martyr*, 411.
St. Desiderius, *Bishop of Vienne, Martyr*, 612.
St. Julia, Virgin, *Martyr at Corsica*, 5th Century.

Voltaire amused himself sometimes with the style of certain authors, all bristling with *epithets*; "If they could only understand," he said, "that adjectives are the greatest enemies of substantives, although they agree in gender, number, and case!"

Ana.

Thy credit wary keep, 'tis quickly gone;
Being got by many actions, lost by one.—*Randolph.*

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She wish'd she had not heard it; yet she wish'd
That heaven had made her such a man: she thank'd me;
And bade me, if I had a friend that lov'd her,
I should but teach him how to tell my story,
And that would woo her. Upon this hint, I spoke:
She lov'd me for the dangers I had pass'd;
And I lov'd her, that she did pity them.---*Othello.*

Acts.

THE capture of Jerusalem, by Pompey the Great, took place on the 23d of the Hebrew month *Sivan*, in the consulate of Cicero, a day that was then observed as a fast in remembrance of the defection and idolatry of Jeroboam, *who made Israel to sin*, B. C. 63.—*See* 1 *Kings* xii. 27. It fell into the hands of Herod the Great upon the same day, twenty-seven years later, in the consulate of Agrippa, B. C. 37, which was one of those septenary periods called Sabbatic years.—*See 7th February.* They were computed by the *historical* or civil calendar.

This day the Romans dedicated to *Vulcan*, the *hot and cold* divinity, when the sacred trumpets were again purified. Larcher places the chronology of the fall of Troy upon this day, B. C. 1270.

The first battle of *St. Albans*, which was won with the loss on both sides of "*six score*" individuals, 1455. The Yorkists conducted Henry, their king and prisoner, with a mock authority to London.

Cranmer pronounces sentence of *divorce* at the court held in the priory of Dunstable, between Henry VIII. and Katharine of Arragon, stating that their marriage was null and invalid, having been contracted and consummated in defiance of the divine prohibition, and therefore without force or effect from the very beginning, 1533.

Henrietta Maria, the queen of Charles I. is impeached of treason, 1643.

Charles II. weighs from *Scheveling* for England O! Pepys feelingly observes, 1660: "Upon the quarter-deck he fell into discourse of his escape from Worcester, where it made me ready to weep to hear the stories that he told of his difficulties that he had passed through."

The Battle of *Ramillies*, in Brabant, one of the immortal acts of the Duke of Marlborough, N. S. 1706. The French were led by Villeroi. The sun was wholly obscured that day by an eclipse, 12*th May*, O. S. *Whit Sunday*. The massacre of the Christians by the Turks at Bona, 1816.

The French *Mississippi* scheme, projected by John Law, dissolves, as those bright floating circles which amuse and vex the hopes of children, of a *lesser* growth, 1720.

There's nothing I have done yet, o' my conscience, deserves a corner.
Queen Katharine.

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XXIV. MAY.

But thou, O Hope, with eyes so fair,
What was thy delighted measure?
Still it whisper'd promis'd pleasure,
And bade the lovely scenes at distance hail!
And, where her sweetest theme she chose,
A soft responsive voice was heard at every close,
And Hope enchanted smil'd, and wav'd her golden hair.
Ode for Music.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IX. Cal. 24.	Bishop (John) Jewel, 1522, *Buden, near Ilfracombe.* Philip Paré, 1576, *Hembach.* John Foi Vaillant, 1632, *Beauvais.* Charles Von Linnæus, 1707, N. S. *Rashult, in Smaland.* James Nield, 1744, *Knutsford.* Peter Chaumette, 1763, *Nevers.* *The Princess* Alexandrina Victoria, 1819, *Kensington.*] Keep the fear of God constantly in your heart; remember that he always sees and notices you; and order your life as in his presence.—*Sir M. Hale.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Donatian and Rogatian, *of Nantes,* Brothers and Martyrs, c. 287. St. Vincent, *of the Isle of Lerins, off Provence,* d. 450. St. John de Prado, *Martyr at Morocco.*	Gregory VII. (Pope,) 1085. d. *Salerno.* Nicholas Copernicus, 1543. *Thorn.* Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, 1612. d. *Marlborough.* (Hatfield.) Thomas Doolittle, 1707. died, *Cripplegate.* Charles William Scheele, 1786. George Brydges, Lord Rodney, 1792. Great part of the happiness of every individual depends upon the opinion and actions of others; it is, therefore, desirable for you to gain and preserve the good will of *all.* But the constant, steady esteem and friendship of a person long tried, and well known, *who has obtained a reputation for virtue and sincerity,* is an invaluable treasure. Preserve it with a religious care, and return it with fidelity and love. —*Dr. Hawkesworth to a Young Lady.*

Always suspect that the person who flatters you, endeavours to gain a confidence which he intends to betray. *Dr. Hawkesworth.*

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That was known afar among many nations. Kings beyond the baths of the sea-fowl worshipped him far and wide: they bowed to him as one of their own kin. He reared up God's honour, he loved God's law, he preserved the people's peace, the best of all the kings that were before in the memory of man. And God was his helper: and kings and earls bowed to him: and they obeyed his will.

Edgar's Elegy.

Acts.

WHIT SUNDAY is the fiftieth day and seventh Sunday from the primitive Easter.—*See 5th April.* This solemn Christian festival was called the *Day of Pentecost*, in memorial of the spiritual benediction vouchsafed by God to his Apostles; and *Whit Sunday*, because the converts newly-baptized appeared, from Easter until Whitsuntide, in *white* vestments.—*See 5th May.* Here commences the second of the four *Ember weeks*, the periods appointed for our humiliation.—*See 22d February.*

The many-virtued King Edgar, surnamed "*the peaceful*," was crowned in the city of Bath, upon the feast of *Pentecost*, in his 30th year, 973, with a splendour and magnificence appropriated to his character; for with him, saith Milton, in his *admirable* miniature life of this prince, shaded by his *follies*, "died all the Saxon glory."

Edward, the Black Prince, the victor at Poitiers, conducts his captive, John, the French King, through the city of London, in triumph to Westminster Hall, where the prince's *father* receives them seated on his throne, surrounded by the prelates and barons, 1357: a day, whose bright and solid minutes shine out with few parallels in ancient or modern story:—a day, in every respect *worthy* of the *golden* period of the British monarchy, and therefore great and lasting.

Francis Drake sails from Plymouth in the *Pascha*, 1572, a voyage of *reprisal* against the Spaniards, and returned there with his West Indian plunder on the 9th of August, in the following year.

Sir Thomas Gresham endows by deed the *Royal Exchange*, 1574.

Louis XIV. of France purchases of the West India Company, for the benefit of the Knights of Malta, the islands of St. Christopher's, St. Bartholomew, St. Martin, and Santa Cruz, for the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand livres, tournois, 1651.

An eruption of Mount Etna, which extended its ravages for four leagues round, and several persons were buried alive in the lava, 1686.

By the institution of our ancestors, it was wisely provided, that the young should learn from the aged, not only by precepts but by their *own observation*, how to behave in that sphere wherein they were one day themselves to move.

Pliny the Younger.

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XXV. MAY.

While cloister'd Piety displays
Her mouldering roll, the piercing eye explores
New manners, and the pomp of elder days,
Whence culls the pensive bard his pictur'd stores;
Nor rough, nor barren, are the winding ways
Of hoar Antiquity, but strown with flowers.---*Warton.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VIII. Cal. 25.	John Mason Good, 1764, *Epping*. Though the animal itself be heavier than air, the thread it spins from its bowels is specifically lighter. This is its *balloon*. The spider, left to itself, would drop to the ground; but being tied to its thread, both are supported. *Paley's Natural Theology.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Urban, *Pope and Martyr*, c. 230. Sts. Maximus (*commonly* Mauxe) and Venerand, *Brothers and Martyrs in Normandy*, c. 6th Century. St. Adhelm, (or Aldhelm), *Abbot of Malmesbury*, 1st Bishop of Sherborne, d. 709. St. Dumhade, *Abbot in Scotland*, 717. St. Gregory VII. *Pope*, d. 1085. St. Mary Magdalen, *Virgin of Pazzi, in Florence*, d. 1607.	Alexander IV. (Pope), 1261. d. *Viterbo.* Louis (*of Naples*), 1362. Valens Acidalius, 1595. Bishop (William) Barlowe, 1625. *Easton.* Edward, Earl of Meath, *drowned*, 1675. James Antony Arlaud, 1743. d. *Geneva.* Sir Dudley Ryder, 1756. Dr. George Fordyce, 1802. Dr. (William) Paley, 1805. d. *Sunderland.* Edmond Malone, 1812. This same *perception of ease* oftentimes renders old age a condition of great comfort; especially when riding at its anchor after a busy and tempestuous life. It is well described by Rousseau, to be the interval of repose and enjoyment, between the hurry and the end of life. *Paley.*

I should think it a sign that God loved me not, if I should kill a man by chance.
King James.

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XXV. MAY.

Yea, Sir, set up your saile,
And rowe forth with evil haile,
For withouten anie saile
I will not oute of this toune;
But I have my gossepes everich one;
One foot further I will not gone.---*Noe's Wife.*

Acts.

THE foundations of the second temple at Jerusalem are laid by *the children of the captivity*, in the second year of Cyrus the Great, King of Persia, and by his permission, upon the twenty-fifth of *Sivan*, B. C. 535. It was completed, after a long interruption, and solemnly *dedicated* upon the twenty-third of the month *Adar* (February), in the sixth year of the reign of Darius Hystaspes, B. C. 515.—*See Ezra* vi. 16.

Titus Vespasian takes the city of Joppa, in Galilee, by assault, on the twenty-fifth of the month *Dæsius* (Sivan), B. C. 67.

Edward Bruce invades Ireland with six thousand men, 1315. "He fought many battles, and gained them all;" and was crowned, for a brief period, King of the country.—*See 5th October.*

Alexander, Lord of the Isles, performs penance of submission to King James in his shirt and drawers, before the congregation of Holyrood church, 1427.—The Scottish law term now commences.—*See 1st August.*

The canonization of *St. Elizabeth*, Queen of Portugal, called the *peacemaker*, by Pope Urban VIII. *St. Urban's day*, 1625. If this day be fair, it promises a fruitful vintage:—so they say in *Germany.*

Massinger produces his '*City Madam*,' under the auspices of the King's players, 1632. '*A New Way to Pay Old Debts*,' was printed (for it was never *licensed*,) in November following.

An alarming insurrection of the negroes in Jamaica, 1760. The loss to the island, in human flesh and blood, was estimated at £100,000.

WHIT MONDAY. Tom Coriat, in his *Crudities*, 1607, describes the Whitsun fool of France: "About two miles this side of Montreuil, there was a Whitsuntide fool, disguised like a fool, wearing a long coat, wherein there were many several pieces of cloth of divers colours, at the corners whereof, there hanged the tails of squirrels: he bestowed a little piece of plate, whereon was expressed the effigies of the VIRGIN MARY, upon every one that gave him money, for he begged money of all travellers for the benefit of the parish church." The *Chester Whitsun Plays*, composed by Ralph Higden, a monk, in 1328, were the first interludes in English.

Like Mahound in a play, no man dare him withsay.---*Shelton.*

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XXVI. MAY.

These shall the fury passions tear,
The vultures of the mind,
Disdainful Anger, pallid Fear,
And Shame, that skulks behind;
Or pining Love shall waste their youth,
Or Jealousy, with rankling tooth,
That inly gnaws the secret heart!
And Envy wan, and faded Care,
Grim-visag'd, comfortless Despair,
And Sorrow's piercing dart.—*Eton College.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VII. Cal. 26.	Charles Duke of Orleans, 1391. Dr. Michael Ettmuller, 1644, *Leipsic.* John Gale, 1680, *London.* To run up and down a hill, to hold a man by his arms, and wave with his heels, to swing and totter in a bellrope, to make a fist, and stretch out both his arms, and so stand like a rood; to tumble over and over, to top over tail, to set back to back, and see who can heave another's heels highest, with much other like—are amusements of the studious.—*Roger Ascham.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Eleutherius, Pope, *M.* d. 192. St. Quadratus, *Bishop of Athens,* 2nd Century. St. Augustine (*commonly* St. Austin,) *Archbishop of Canterbury, and* Apostle of the English, d. 604. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Oduvald, *Abbot of Melrose,* 698. St. Philip Neri, *of Florence,* 1595.	*The Venerable* Bede, A. D. 735. d. *Jarrow.* (Durham.) Edmund I. (of England), 946. *stabbed, Pucklekirk.* (Glastonbury.) Francis Anthony, 1623. *St. Bartholomew's.* Sir John Marsham, 1685 *Cuckstone.* Viscount Dundee, *killed,* 1689. Sam. Pepys, 1703. d. *Clapham.* Thomas Southern, 1746. John L. Berti, 1766. d. *Pisa.* Nancy Dawson, 1767. (*Quo?*) Wm. Emerson, 1782. *Hurworth.* N. Ferrand, 1795. *shot, Paris.* James Burnet, Lord Monboddo, 1799. d. *Edinburgh.* J. J. Spalding, 1804. d. *Berlin.* Francis Joseph Haydn, 1809. *Grumpendorff, Vienna.* Capel Lofft, 1824. d. *Moncallier, near Turin.* The three first principles of wisdom are, obedience to the laws of God, concern for the good of man, and fortitude under the accidents of life.—*Triads.*

An artist may live in any country.—*Nero.*

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XXVI. MAY.

But first with thy resistless light
Disperse those phantoms from my sight
Those mimic shades of thee,
The scholiast's learning, sophist's cant,
The visionary bigot's rant,
The monk's philosophy.—*Hymn to Science.*

Acts.

JEROME of Prague, makes his fearless declaration for which he suffered martyrdom, one of the *tests* of great men, 1416.—*See 30th May.*

An *Eistoddfod* of the Welsh bards and minstrels is held at Cayroes, in Flintshire, by the Queen Elizabeth's commission, when fifty-five degrees were conferred, and the great prize of the silver harp was adjudged to Simon ap Williams ap Sion, 1568. The Tudors wore the *lock* of St. David.

The interment in Westminster Abbey of that great servant of Apollo and the state, Thomas, Lord Sackville, 1608. "There never was a better Treasurer," observes Sir Richard Baker, "both for the King's profit and the good of the subject." He received the *staff* upon the 15th of May, 1559, after it had dropped from the grasp of Lord Burleigh. Queen *Bess* very naturally loved, as her father, to see *a man.*

Edward Alleyn, the actor, and founder of Dulwich Hospital with an endowment of £10,000 sterling, has left the following *pious* memorial: "May 26, 1620,—My wife and I acknowledged the fine at the Common Pleas' bar of all our lands to the college: blessed be God that he has given us life to do it." The warm sincerity of this apostrophe is his best elegy.

The battle at the pass of *Killicrankie*, remarkable for the defeat of King William's troops by the Highlanders, led by Lord Dundee, 1689.

The musical festival, in memory of *Handel*, is celebrated for three successive days, in Westminster Abbey, 1784. This grand burst of veneration, to which we may imagine the great master himself listening with complacency, was contributed by more than five hundred artists.

Napoleon is inaugurated King of Italy at Milan with the *iron crown*, said to have been worn by the old Lombard kings, 1805.

WHIT TUESDAY. The ancient festival called the *Eton Montem*, is celebrated by the scholars *triennially*, it is believed, upon this day:—their motto, *Pro more et monte. Vivant rex et regina.*

We frolic while 'tis May.—*Gray's Ode on the Spring.*

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XXVII. MAY.

Dumb then had been the sage historic Muse,
And perish'd all the sons of ancient fame;
Those starry lights of virtue, that diffuse
Through the dark depth of time their vivid flame,
Had all been lost with such as have no name.
Who then had scorn'd his ease for others' good?
Who then had toil'd rapacious men to tame?
Who in the public breach devoted stood,
And for his country's cause been prodigal of blood?

Castle of Indolence.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Cal. 27.	Alighieri Dante, 1265, *Florence.* Gaspar Scioppius, 1576, *Neumarck.* Cardinal Louis de Noailles, 1651, *Paris.* Thomas Evelyn, 1663, *Stamford.*	Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, 1538. *Norbury.* Margaret, Countess of Salisbury, 1541. *beheaded, Tower.* John Calvin, 1564. d. *Geneva.* Prince Demetrius, 1600. *assassinated, Moscow.* Vincent Voiture, 1648. Archibald, Marquess of Argyll, 1661. *beheaded, Market Cross, Edinburgh.* Dr. John Spencer, 1695. *Cambridge.* Dominik Bouhours, 1702. d. *Clermont.* Henry de Bukertop, 1716. d. *Louvain.* Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond, 1723. *Abbey.* Charles de la Rue, 1725. d. *Jesuits' College.* Henry Dundas, Lord Melville, 1811. d. *Edinburgh.*

The *morning* of your life was clear and calm; and though it was afterwards overcast, yet, in that general storm, you were never without a shelter. And now you are happily arrived to the *evening* of a day as serene as the dawn of it was glorious; but it is the evening of a summer's sun, which keeps the daylight long within the skies.

Dryden.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Julius, *Martyr in Bulgaria,* c. 302.
St. John, Pope, *Martyr,* d. 526.
St. Bede, *Father of the Church,* 735. (*See English Church Calendar.*)

The brow of a lion, though by itself it is far from beautiful, yet because it happens naturally it is both comely and delightful.

Marcus Aurelius.

Cultivate your mind as much as you can; for a handsome mind is a noble thing, though shut up in a human body. *Isocrates.*

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XXVII. MAY.

How charming is divine philosophy!
Not harsh, and crabbed, as dull fools suppose,
But musical as is Apollo's lute,
And a perpetual feast of nectar'd sweets,
Where no crude surfeit reigns.---*Milton's Comus.*

Acts.

PHILIP of Macedon takes possession of *Phocis* upon the twenty-seventh of the month Scirophorion, and the towers are dismantled in July, which terminated the ten years' war, B. C. 346.

King John is crowned at Westminster, Ascension-day, 1199.—*See 6th April.*

Thomas à Becket is consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury, 1162.

Edward III. sails for France to perform *homage* for Aquitain, 1329.

Charles V. visits Harry VIII. this day at Canterbury:—the squadron anchored on the 25th, at Hythe harbour, 1520.

The *matins of Moscow*, so called from the time of the day when Prince Demetrius and all his Polish adherents, were assassinated in the city, six in the *morning*, 1600.

Charles II. signs the secret treaty with Louis XIV. of France, 1678.

The Habeas Corpus Act is passed, 1679: the act *suspending* it was repealed and most probably for ever, 31st January, 1818.

'The Sweet Singers' renounce the *printed* Bible at the Canongate Tolbooth, and all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions, and burn all story-books, ballads, romances, &c. 1681.

St. Petersburg is founded by the Great Peter, Whit Sunday, 1703. This city now contains *nearly* one-third of the population of London.

King George I. assents to the Bill for the banishment of Bishop Atterbury, a man whose great virtues are now remembered, 1723.

The order of the Knights of the Bath is re-established at St. James's, and constituted a military fraternity for ever, 1725.

The library of Addison is disposed of in eight hundred and fifty-six lots, during four days, 1799, for the sum of £456 2*s.* 9*d.* The two letters addressed by him to the young Earl of Warwick, dated 20th and 27th May, 1708, are delightful specimens of that Scipian playfulness and natural toning, supposed to be the *pitch* of true philosophy; indeed he was at this time warmed by the eyes of the countess, and therefore, as such a man ought to be, he was without political ambition and easily happy.

Meekness is founded in an extended contemplation of the place we bear in the universe, and a just observation how little, how empty, how wavering are our deepest resolves and councils. *Steele.*

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XXVIII. MAY.

"A sail!—a sail!"—a promised prize to Hope!
Her nation—flag—how speaks the telescope?
No prize, alas! but yet a welcome sail:
The blood-red signal glitters in the gale.
Yes—she is ours—a home returning bark—
Blow fair, thou breeze!—she anchors ere the dark.
Already doubled is the cape—our bay
Receives that prow which proudly spurns the spray.

The Corsair.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
V. Cal. 28.	Owen Glendower, 1354, *Treffgarn in Pembrokeshire.* James Sforza, the Great, 1639, *Cotignola.* George I. (*of England*), 1660. Francis Seymour, Lord Conway, 1679. John Laurence Berti, 1696. Placidus Fixmillner, 1720, *Achleiten.* John Smeaton, 1724, O. S. *Austhorpe.* William Pitt, 1759, *Hayes.* Edward Charles Howard, 1774. Thomas Moore, 1780, *Aungier Street, Dublin.*] **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Caraunus (or Caro, *in French* Cheron), *Martyr near Chartres*, 5th Century. St. Germanus, *Bishop of Paris*, d. 576.	Procopius (Emperor), *beheaded*, 366. St. William (*of Aquitaine*), 812. d. *Gellone.* St. Bernard, *of Savoy*, 1008. Archbishop Lanfranc, 1089. Alphonsus IV. (*of Portugal*), 1357. Thomas Howard, Earl of Suffolk, 1626. *Walden.* Edward Montagu, Earl of Sandwich, 1672. *Westminster Abbey.* Admiral de Ghent, 1672. *killed, Southwold Bay.* Admiral de Tourville, d. 1701. Edward Welchman, 1739. Jonathan Richardson, 1745. George Earl Marischal, 1778. d. *Potsdam.* Anthony Frederick Busching, 1793. d. *Berlin.* Richard Hole, 1803. d. *Exmouth.* Bishop (Richard) Hurd, 1808. *Hartlebury.* William Eden, Lord Auckland, 1814. La Porte du Thiel, 1815. *Paris.*

If any man shall, by charging me with *theatrical* behaviour, imply that I utter any sentiments but my own, I shall treat him as a calumniator and a villain; nor shall any thing but age restrain my resentment. *Lord Chatham's Speeches.*

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XXVIII. MAY.

An honest man's the noblest work of God.—*Pope.*

Acts.

Pope Honorius III. issues his decree at Viterbo, as a salutary check to the encroaching Barons, that no person in England shall keep in his hands more than two of the royal castles, 1220.

An interlude is performed in the area of the Black Bear Inn, Cambridge, at which one "Dominus Pepper was seen with an improper habit, having deformed long locks of unseemly sight, and great breeches, undecent for a graduate or scholar of orderly carriage; therefore, the said Pepper was commanded to appear presently and procure his hair to be cut or poled; and which being done, the said Pepper returning to the consistory, was then suspended *ab omni gradu suscepto et suscipiendo.*"—Stubbs, in his *Anatomy of Abuses*, remarks that the new-fangled breeches, were of Parisian origin; they were made ridiculously large, and stuffed out with rags, until they were brought to an enormous size.

The parliament that *began* 28th May, 1661, at Westminster, was *dissolved*, according to a note of Dugdale, 24th January, 1679.

"I, by water, to Foxhall," saith Pepys, in 1667, "and there walked in *Spring Garden*. A great deal of company, and the weather and garden pleasant; and it is very pleasant and cheap going thither; for a man may go to spend what he will, or nothing, all as one. But to hear the *nightingale*, and other birds, and here fiddles, and there a harp, and here a Jew's trump, and here laughing, and there fine people walking, is mighty divertizing." This is *simple*, yet Pepys had a strong head and a fine wife.

The famous naval victory in *Southwold Bay*, against the Dutch, 1672. The Duke of York *nobly* distinguished himself in this engagement.

Commodore Wager attacks and destroys the Spanish fleet, near *Carthagena*, 1708.

Freemasons' Hall, in Great Queen Street, is consecrated with great solemnity, 1776.

Our youth were sent early into the army, that by being taught to obey, they might learn to command; and whilst they followed others, might be trained up by degrees to be leaders themselves. *Pliny the Younger.*

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XXIX. MAY.

There liv'd in Gothic days, as legends tell,
A shepherd-swain, a man of low degree;
Whose sires, perchance, in Fairyland might dwell,
Sicilian groves, or vales of Arcady;
But he, I ween, was of the north countrie;
A nation fam'd for song, and beauty's charms;
Zealous, yet modest; innocent, though free;
Patient of toil; serene amidst alarms;
Inflexible in faith; invincible in arms.—*The Minstrel.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Cal. 29.	Charles II. (*of England,*) 1630, *St. James's.* Humphrey Ditton, 1675, *Salisbury.* Henry Pitot, 1695, *Aramont.* Louis Daubenton, 1716, *Montbard.* Dr. William Dodd, 1729, *Bourne.* Patrick Henry, 1736, *Virginia.* Joseph Fouché, 1763, *Nantes.* It is certainly, a true observation, that no people are so impatient of censure as those who are the greatest slanderers. *Savage.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Conon and his Son, *Martyrs of Iconia, in Asia,* c. 275. St. Cyril, *Martyr at Cæsaria in Cappadocia,* 3rd Century. St. Maximinus, *Bishop of Triers,* d. 349. Sts. Sisinnius, Martyrius, and Alexander, *Martyrs* in the territory of Trent, d. 397.	Henry II. (*of Castile*), 1379. Constantine XIII. (Emperor), 1453. *killed, Constantinople.* Cardinal (David) Beaton, 1546. *assas. St. Andrew's Castle.* John Penry, *executed,* 1593. Stephen de Courcelles, 1659. Michael A. Baudrand, 1700. *Rouvres.* Dr. Andrew Ducarel, 1785. d. *South Lambeth.* Josephine (*of France,*) 1814. d. *Malmaison.* Charles Alfred Stothard, 1821. *killed, Bere Ferris.* Sir Humphrey Davy, 1829. The English people always look forward to the period when by course of law new representatives must be chosen to support the common interest; and generally with an expectation that some additional spirit, force, and mind, will be imparted to the constitution. *Steele.*

He's not a villain, but a debauchee.—*Eupolis on Cimon.*

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XXIX. MAY.

Will it not charm a mind, like thine, exalted,
To shine, the goddess of applauding nations;
To scatter happiness and plenty round thee,
And bid the prostrate captive rise and live?—*Irene.*

Acts.

THE range of embankments thrown up by Titus against the wall of Jerusalem, the work of seventeen days, is *undermined* and consumed or buried in a pit of fire, with all the Roman engines, B. C. 71. This was effected by the skill and conduct of John, the high priest.

Prince Henry disperses the eight thousand insurgents under Scroop, at *Shipton Moor*, by seizing the persons of their leaders, 1405.

Constantinople, the capital of the Greek empire, is taken by the second Mahomet, and the sun of Christianity since has cowered there to the crescent of the Turks, 1453. The beautiful Irene, whose fate is dramatised by Johnson, was one of the captives.

King Charles addresses his first controversial paper to Henderson, the divine, dated Newcastle, 1646. We shall extract one paragraph:—"Know that from my infancy I was blest with the King my father's love, which, I thank God, was an invaluable happiness to me all his days; and among all his cares for my education, his chief was to settle me right in religion: in the true knowledge of which he made himself so eminent to all the world, that I am sure none can call in question the brightness of his fame in that particular, without showing their own ignorant base malice: he it was who laid in me the grounds of Christianity which, to this day, I have been constant in; so that whether the worthiness of my instructor be considered, or the not few years that I have been settled in my principles, it ought to be no strange thing, if it be found no easy work to make me alter them."

CHARLES II. enters London, 1660. The Turkish emperor is reported to have said, that if he were to change his religion, he would only do it for that of the King of Great Britain's God, who had done such wonderful things for him. Izaac Walton wrote a congratulatory *pastoral*; but this *event* were worthy of an epic, had the *hero* been so. The Anniversary, for a general "*Thanksgiving*," was first observed in 1661, by a command of the legislature. A *star* was said to have appeared upon the monarch's *birthday*;—but "all is not gold that glisters."

As liars must have good memories, so malicious persons need good inventions; that their calumnies may fit every man's fancy, and what their reproaches want of truth, they may make up with number and show. *Charles I.*

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XXX. MAY.

Drive on, but cautious shun the Lybian air.
Thus spoke the god. Th' impatient youth with haste
Snatches the reins, and vaults into the seat.
He starts; the coursers, whom the lashing whip
Excites, outstrip the winds, and whirl the car
High through the airy void. Behind the sire,
Borne on his planetary steed, pursues
With eye intent, and warns him with his voice,
Drive there!—now here!—here!—turn the Chariot here.—*Euripides.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Cal. 30.	Peter the Great (*of Russia*), O.S. 1672, *Kremlin, Moscow.* Dr. Wm. Smith, 1711, *Worcester.*	King Arthur (*of Britain*), 542. *killed, Cornwall.* St. Hubert, 727. *Ardennes.* Jerome, of Prague, 1416. *burned, Constance.* Joan of Arc, 1431. *burned, Rouen.* Charles IX. (*of France*), 1574. d. *Vincennes.* Peter Paul Rubens, 1640. *St. James's, Antwerp.* Alexander Pope, 1744. *Twickenham.* Elizabeth Elstob, 1756. died, *Bulstrode.* Simon Sack, 1764. d. *Trionia,* aged 141. M. F. A. de Voltaire, 1778. d. *Paris.* (St. Geneviève.)

Why, he stalks up and down like a peacock; a stride and a stand: ruminates, like an hostess, that hath no arithmetick but her brain to set down her reckoning: bites his lip with a politick regard, as who should say—there were wit in this head, an 'twould out; and so there is; but it lies as coldly in him as fire in a flint, which will not show without knocking. *Thersites.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Felix I. (*Pope*), *Martyr*, 274.
St. Maguil (*in Latin*, Madelgisilus), *Recluse of Monstrelet, in Picardy*, d. c. 685.
St. Walstan, *of Baber, in Norfolk*, d. 1016.
St. Ferdinand III. *King of Castile and Leon*, d. 1252.

Pleasure that has virtue for its companion is a valuable good, whereas, without it, 'tis a detestable evil. *Isocrates.*

He that is proud, eats up himself: pride is his own glass, his own trumpet, his own chronicle; and whatever praises itself but in the deed, devours the deed in the praise. *Agamemnon.*

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XXX. MAY.

On Trinitye Mondaye in the morne,
This sore battayle was doom'd to bee;
Where manye a knighte cry'd, Well-awaye!
Alacke, it was the more pittie.—*Death of Arthur.*

Acts.

The thirtieth of *Sivan* was a feast in memory of the solemn judgment given by Alexander the Great, in favour of the Jews against the Ishmaelites and Egyptians, B. C. 332. The General founded the city of *Alexandria* in this year, visited the oracle of Hammon, and passed his winter at Memphis.

Louis, the French Dauphin, crosses the channel with a fleet of six hundred and eighty sail, and lands at Sandwich, by the invitation of the unprincipled *rebel* barons, parricides of their country, 1216.

The epoch of the Alphonsine tables, constructed by Hazan, a Jew, by the appointment of Alphonso the Wise, commencing with the day of his accession to the throne of Leon and Castile, 1252. Alphonso was the first Castilian king who reduced the public laws and the sacred writings into the popular tongue.

Edward I. returning from Palestine, is met at the foot of Mount Cenis, by the Count of Savoy, and receives the congratulations of a body of English knights and prelates, 1273.

Charles VIII. of France, surnamed the *affable*, is inaugurated at Rheims in his 15th year, 1484. He was met at the gates by a young damsel, named *De Ferret*, habited as Flora, or the queen of May, who delivered to him the keys of the city.

The Spanish sovereigns grant additional powers to Columbus, 1497. The Indians were to wear a mark of brass or lead coin, about their *necks*, which was to be (not removed but) *changed*, on payment of their tribute-money. The adventurer sailed from the port of St. Lucar de Barrameda, with a squadron of six vessels on his *third* voyage of discovery upon this day, 1498.

"There was a goodly May-game in Fenchurch Street," saith Strype, 1557, "with drums, and guns, and pikes, with the *nine worthies*, who rid, and each made his speech. There was also a morris-dance, and an elephant and castle, and the Lord and Lady of the May appeared."

Christina of Sweden, abdicates her throne at Upsal, 1654.

The general *Peace* is subscribed by the allied powers at Paris, 1814.

It belongs to Heaven to prosper our undertakings; but it is our business to consider what we do. *Isocrates.*

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XXXI. MAY.

For who, to dumb Forgetfulness a prey,
This pleasing anxious being e'er resign'd,
Left the warm precincts of the cheerful day,
Nor cast one longing lingering look behind?
On some fond breast the parting soul relies,
Some pious drops the closing eye requires;
Ev'n from the tomb the voice of Nature cries,
Ev'n in our ashes live their wonted fires.—*Elegy.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Prid. Cal. 31.	Abraham Demoivre, 1667, *Vitri, in Champagne.*	Ladislaus V. (*of Poland*), 1434. Sir Walter Mildmay, 1589. *St. Bartholomew's.* Anne (Duchess of York), 1671. Christopher Davenport, 1680. Bishop (Simon) Patrick, 1707. *Ely.* William Baxter, 1723. Philip Duke of Wharton, 1731. d. *Terragone.* Frederick William I. (*of Prussia*), 1740.

Your filthy trumperies,
Stuff'd with pernicious lies
(Not worth a bubble),
Would only trouble
Our earthly Paradise.
Your filthy trumperies.

This is design'd a place
For every charming grace;
The witty and the fair
Hither may all repair;
For every honest face
This is designed a place.
Rabelais.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Petronello, *Virgin of Rome,* 1st Century.

Sts. Cantius and Cantianus, *Brothers,* and Cantianilla, *their Sister, Martyrs* in Aquileia, 304,

Husbandmen live upon an estate given them by their mother; and others, upon an estate cheated from their brethren. They live, like sheep and kine, by the allowance of nature; and others, like wolves and foxes, by the acquisitions of rapine. And, I hope, I may affirm that sheep and kine are very useful, and that wolves and foxes are pernicious creatures.—*Cowley.*

Liberty, as an amiable guest, puts her two elbows on the table.—*Voltaire.*

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XXXI. MAY.

Right well she knew each temper to descry;
To thwart the proud, and the submiss to raise,
Some with vile copper-prize exalt on high,
And some entice with pittance small of praise,
And other some with baleful sprig she 'frays:
E'en absent, she the reins of power doth hold,
Forewarn'd, if little bird their pranks behold.

The School-Mistress.

Acts.

TRINITY SUNDAY is the Sunday next following the festival of Whitsuntide.—*See 24th May.* The mystery of the Holy Trinity was *first* ordained to be solemnized upon this particular day by Pope John XXII. in the year 1334. In the Greek churches, however, it is observed on the *Monday* after Pentecost.

The *Arrephoria* were Athenian festivals, observed during this month in honour of Minerva and Ersa, one of the daughters of Cecrops. The name is derived from certain mysterious things which were carried by four select noble virgins, not under seven nor above eleven years of age. They were habited in white apparel, set off with ornaments of gold. Upon the 30th of *Pyanepsion* (October), two of these young ladies, chosen for the purpose, began to weave the *peplos*, or garment for Minerva, at the room, or *ball-court*, appropriated for their use in the Acropolis.

Henry VIII. with his court, crosses the strait to Calais, the same day that the Emperor Charles V. sailed from Sandwich, 1520.

The two legates, Cardinals Wolsey and Campeggio, open the court in the Parliament Chamber at Blackfriars, to try the legitimacy of King Henry's marriage with Katharine of Arragon, whom they summoned to appear, 1529.—*See 21st June.* The coronation of Anne Boleyn, 1533.

Dr. Arne's "Opera of Operas" (Fielding's *Tom Thumb*, set to music in the Italian manner), is produced at the Haymarket theatre, 1723.

The name of the seven *Pleiades*, or Vergiliæ, is derived from the Greek word *pleein*, to sail, because that constellation shows the period most propitious for navigation. The seven Greek poets, called the Pleiades, are Lycophron, Theocritus, Aratus, Nicander, Apollonius, Philicus, and Homerus the younger. The *gentle* knot named the *French Pleiad*, are Ronsard, Belleau, Jodelle, Bellay, Thyard, Dorat, and De Baif.

Apollo was surnamed, *leader* of the Muses, the *nine months* of his dominion, denominated from the *planets* by the antediluvian astronomers. The two remaining months have always been kept *sacred*.

Silence was a full answer of that philosopher, who being asked what he thought of human life,—said nothing, turned him round, and vanished. *Feltham.*

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SUMMER.

Where Wealth and Commerce lift their golden heads.—*Thomson.*

THEN came the jolly *Summer*, being dight
In a thin silken cassock coloured green,
That was unlined all, to be more light:
And on his head a garland well beseen
He wore, from which as he had chafed been
The sweat did drop; and in his hand he bore
A bow and shafts, as he in forest green
Had hunted late the libbard and the boar,
And now would bathe his limbs, with labour heated sore.

UPON six plump dandillions, high-
Rear'd, lies her elvish majesty,
Whose fleecy-bubbles seem'd to drown
Her Mab-ship in obedient down;
For either sheet was spread the caul
That doth the infant's face enthral,
When it is born, by some enstyl'd
The lucky omen of the child;
And next to these, two blankets o'er-
Cast of the finest gossamer.
Thus soft she lies; and over-head
A spinner's circle is bespread
With cob-web curtains; from the roof
So neatly sunk, as that no proof
Of any tackling can declare
What gives it hanging in the air.
The King's undrest; and now, upon
The gnat's watch-word, the elves are gone.
And now the bed and Mab possess'd
Of this great little kingly guest.—*Hesperides.*

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JUNIUS.

Under the Protection of Mercury.

Sive palmulis opus foret volare, sive linteo.—*Catullus.*

UPSTARTING from his couch, on deck he sprung,
Thrice with shrill note the boatswain's whistle rung:
Roused from repose, aloft the sailors swarm,
And with their levers soon the windlass arm:
They fix the bars, and heave the windlass round;
At every turn the clanging pauls resound:
Up-torn reluctant from its oozy cave
The ponderous anchor rises o'er the wave.
High on the slippery masts the yards ascend,
And far abroad the canvass wings extend.
Along the glassy plain the vessel glides,
While azure radiance trembles on her sides;
The lunar rays in long reflection gleam,
With silver deluging the fluid stream.
Levant and Thracian gales alternate play,
Then in th' Egyptian quarter die away.
A calm ensues; adjacent shores they dread,
The boats, with rowers mann'd, are sent a-head;
With cordage fasten'd to the lofty prow
Aloof to sea the stately ship they tow;
Success attends their skill! the danger's o'er:
The port is doubled, and beheld no more.—Falconer.

MORE thought than woe was in her dusky face,
For she was prophesying of her glory;
And in her wide imagination stood
Palm-shaded temples, and high rival fanes,
By Oxus or in Ganges' sacred isles.
Even as Hope upon her anchor leans,
So lent she, not so fair, upon a tusk
Shed from the broadest of her elephants.—*Asia.*

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JUNE.

Not Iris in her pride and bravery,
Adorns her arch with such variety.—*Peele.*

WESTWARD, much nearer by south-west, behold
Where on the Ægean shore a city stands,
Built nobly, pure the air, and light the soil;
ATHENS, the eye of Greece, mother of arts
And eloquence, native to famous wits
Or hospitable, in her sweet recess,
City or suburban, studious walks and shades.
There flowery hill Hymettus, with the sound
Of bees' industrious murmur, oft invites
To studious musing; there Ilissus rolls
His whispering stream: within the walls the schools;
Where thou shalt hear and learn the secret power
Of harmony, in tones and numbers hit
By voice or hand; and various-measur'd verse,
Æolian charms, and Dorian lyric odes
And his, who gave them breath, but higher sung,
Blind Melesigenes, thence Homer call'd,
Whose poem Phœbus challeng'd for his own:
Thence what the lofty grave tragedians taught
In Chorus or Iambic, teachers best
Of moral prudence, with delight receiv'd
In brief sententious precepts, while they treat
Of fate, and chance, and change in human life,
High actions and high passions best describing:
Thence to the famous orators repair,
Those antient, whose resistless eloquence
Wielded at will that fierce democratie,
Shook the arsenal, and fulmin'd over Greece
To Macedon and Artaxerxes' throne.—*Milton.*

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THERE often wanders one, whom better days
Saw better clad, in cloak of satin trimm'd
With lace, and hat with splendid riband bound.
A serving-maid was she, and fell in love
With one who left her, went to sea and died.
Her fancy follow'd him through foaming waves
To distant shores; and she would sit and weep
At what a *sailor* suffers; fancy too,
Delusive most where warmest wishes are,
Would oft anticipate his glad return,
And dream of transports she was not to know.
She heard the doleful tidings of his death—
And never smil'd again! and now she roams
The dreary waste; there spends the livelong day,
And there, unless when charity forbids,
The livelong night. A tatter'd apron hides,
Worn as a cloak, and hardly hides, a gown
More tatter'd still; and both but ill conceal
A bosom heav'd with never-ceasing sighs.
She begs an idle pin of all she meets,
And hoards them in her sleeve; but needful food,
Though press'd with hunger oft, or comelier clothes,
Though pinch'd with cold, asks never.—Kate is craz'd.

The Sofa.

I KNOW a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where ox-lips and the nodding violet grows;
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses, and with eglantine:
There sleeps *Titania*, some time of the night,
Lull'd in these flowers with dances and delight.

Midsummer's Dream.

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I. JUNE.

Fairest of stars, last in the train of night,
If better thou belong not to the dawn,
Sure pledge of day, that crown'st the smiling morn
With thy bright circlet, praise him in thy sphere,
While day arises, that sweet hour of prime.
Thou Sun, of this great world both eye and soul,
Acknowledge him thy greater; sound his praise
In thy eternal course, both when thou climb'st,
And when high noon hast gain'd, and when thou fall'st.—*Hymn.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Cal. 1.	Thomas Plantagenet (*of Brotherton*), Earl of Norfolk, 1300. Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, 1560. Nicholas Poussin, 1594, *Andely in Normandy.* *Secretary* John Thurloe, 1616, *Abbots Roding.* Sir John Dugdale, 1628, *Shustoke.* John Tweddell, 1769, *Threepwood.*	Eugenius I. (Pope), 658. Henry Dandolo, 1205. *St. Sophia, Constantinople.* Christopher Marlowe, 1593. *St. Nicholas, Deptford.* Samuel Werenfels, 1740. died, *Basil.* Robert le Lorraine, 1743. died, *Paris.* Peter Joseph Desault, 1795. Marshal Alexander Berthier, 1815. *killed, Bamberg.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Justin, the Philosopher, *Martyr*, c. 167. St. Pamphilus, *of Cæsarea in Palestine, Martyr*, 309. St. Caprais, *Abbot in the Isle of Lerins*, d. 430. St. Wistan, *Prince of Mercia, Martyr*, d. 849. St. Peter of Pisa, *Hermit*, d. 1435. [St. Nicomede, *Martyr*, 1st Century. *See English Church Calendar.*]	Thou hast most traitorously corrupted the youth of the realm, in erecting a grammar-school: and whereas, before, our forefathers had no other books but the score and the tally, thou hast caused printing to be used. Away with him! he has a familiar under his tongue; he speaks not o' God's name. *Jack Cade.*

A tale out of season is as music in mourning.—*Ecclesiasticus.*

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I. JUNE.

At Sestos Hero dwelt; Hero the fair,
Whom young Apollo courted for her hair;
And offer'd as a dower his burning throne,
Where she should sit for men to gaze upon.—*Marlowe.*

Acts.

THE MONTHS. This is the most *harmonious* of the months, the *meridian* of the seasons, and the *goal* of the year. The sixth Julian month, *Junius*, corresponds with the fourth moon, *Payni*, in the ancient, and the tenth of the modern Egyptian year; with the tenth historical, and the fourth sacred moon, *Thammug*, of the Hebrews; with the tenth moon, *Di*, of the Persians; with the tenth moons, *Panemus*, *Archijerius*, and *Peritius*, of the Syro-Macedonians, Paphians, and Bithynians; with the tenth moons, *Lene*, *Boua*, and *Marieri*, of the Ethiopians, Copts, and Armenians; with the ninth solar month, *Haziran*, of the Syrians; with the first month, HECATOMBÆON (commencing about the *solstice*), of the Athenian year; the tenth, *Lous*, of the Macedonians, and the sixth, *Dæsius*, of their solar year; and with the twelfth and concluding months (in which the intercalations are made) *Dulkagiadath* and *Zilkigge*, of the Arabians and Turks. By the Germans it is called *Zomer* month; and the Anglo-Saxons named it *Sere* month (from the *dryness* of the atmosphere); but more anciently *Weyd* month, "because their beasts did then weyd in the meadows, that is to say, go to feed there; and hereof a meadow is also in the Teutonic called a weyd; and of weyd, we yet retain our word wade, which we understand of going through watery places, such as meadows are wont to be." The calends or first of June was dedicated by the Romans to Juno *Moneta* (the counsellor), within the temple of the *Mint*, which was vowed by Camillus; also to *Mars* (for now the *eagle* rises) and *Tempestas*, in their several fanes; the latter was votive by Marcellus, upon his escape from a storm in the Sardinian sea; and lastly to Cardinea, the goddess of the *Hinge*, a type of her power in divination and astronomy. A cake of beans and barley, with slices of bacon, were the established meal upon this lady's festival. *Carna* is one of the titles of the moon.

Pity it is that wit so ill should dwell,
Wit lent from heaven, but vices sent from hell.
Return from Parnassus.

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I. JUNE.

And yet, perhaps, if countries we compare,
And estimate the blessings which they share,
Though patriots flatter, still shall wisdom find
An equal portion dealt to all mankind:
As diff'rent good, by Art or Nature giv'n
To diff'rent nations, makes their blessings ev'n.—*The Traveller.*

Acts.

The Romans dedicated this month to *Mercury*, the tutelary god of merchants and travellers, and probably the father of *navigation*.

The capture of Jotapata, under Vespasian, took place upon the first day of *Panemus*, in the 13th year of Nero, B. C. 67. The city was demolished, entombing forty thousand Jews, the number of the slain.

The rebellion of *Jack Cade*, who impudently assumed the name of Mortimer. This insurgent encamped on Blackheath, at the head of twenty thousand tag-rag and bob-tail, the 17th of June, 1450.

Queen Anne Boleyn is crowned upon Whit Sunday, 1533.

Sir Thomas More is tried at the bar of his own court, 1535.

The great naval engagement between the English and Dutch, which continued during four days, 1666. Evelyn notes, "'Twas on the solemn fast day when the news came; his Majesty being in the chapel, made a sudden stop to hear the relation, which being with much advantage on our side, he commanded that public thanks should immediately be given as for a *victory*. But this was no sooner over, than news came that our loss was very great, both in ships and men; that the Prince frigate was burnt, and as noble a vessel of ninety brass guns lost, and the taking of Sir George Ayscue, and exceeding shattering of both fleets, so as both being obstinate, both parted rather for want of ammunition and tackle than courage, our general [Monk] retreating like a lion; which exceedingly abated of our former joy. *There was, however, orders given for bonfires and bells; but God knows it was rather a deliverance than a triumph.*" Pepys observes, "the guns were heard at Greenwich," and that "*we were the defeated.*" De Witt introduced his invention of chain-shot in this engagement, which he pointed with effect at the *rigging*.

Prayers and tears have mov'd me, gifts could never.

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I. JUNE.

Thence many vainly raging seas
It bore its master through;
Whether from right or left the breeze
Upon the canvass blew;
Or, prosperous to its course, the gale
Spread full and square the straining sail.—*Catullus.*

Acts.

In Grey's *debates* is the following entry, 1675: "Some ladies were in the gallery, peeping over the gentlemen's shoulders. The Speaker spying them, called out, "What borough do those ladies serve for?" To which Sir W. Coventry replied, "They serve for the Speaker's chamber." Sir Thomas Littleton said, "Perhaps the Speaker may mistake them for gentlemen with fine sleeves, dressed like ladies." Says the Speaker, "*I am sure I saw petticoats.*" Some years since, Madame de Staël was noticed sitting *en habit d'homme,* in a surtout and military indescribables, listening to the debate, under the protection, it has been stated, of a distinguished living ornament of the interior.

A whirlwind at Charleston, the capital of South Carolina, 1761.

Lady Montagu describes a most magnificent *Regatta* at Venice, 1740. It is a race of boats, accompanied by gilded vessels or *machines*, called Piotes, or Bichones, rowed by gondoliers.—*See 2nd June.*

The French carry off all the inhabitants of Turk's Island in the West Indies, with nine English vessels, 1764. The number of slaves imported to *Jamaica* in that year was ten thousand two hundred and twenty-three.

Lord Howe's famous victory in the Atlantic Ocean, off Ushant, 1794.

Captain Broke, in the Shannon, engages the American frigate, *Chesapeake*, 1813. "The ships were soon in close contact, when Captain Broke, discerning a favourable opportunity, gave orders for boarding, himself setting the example. The conflict was bloody, but short: the American's decks were cleared in two minutes, her colours were hauled down, and the British flag hoisted over them, and she was led away in triumph in the sight of all her friends, who were expecting her victorious return."—"How now!" said the Admiral—"is Captain Broke on *deck?*"

About this time it is *mid-winter* at La Plata in South America.

Her lips for honey bees have sought in vain,
And beat from thence, have lighted there again.—*Marlowe.*

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On utmost Kilda's shore, whose lonely race
Resign the setting sun to Indian worlds,
The royal eagle draws his vigorous young,
Strong-pounc'd, and ardent with paternal fire.
Now fit to raise a kingdom of their own,
He drives them from his fort, the towering seat,
For ages, of his empire; which, in peace,
Unstain'd he holds, while many a league to sea
He wings his course, and preys in distant isles.—*Thomson.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Non. 2.	Nicholas le Fevre, 1544, *Paris.* I inquire not into your *particular* conduct; I am satisfied with the *result*; I want not to know whether you made two or three or £500,000; keep what you have got: have you made a numerous people rich and happy; have you increased the commerce of the country, enlarged its means of wealth, and improved its revenues? in so doing you have reflected honour and glory on the character of the British nation.—*Burke.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Pothinus, *Bishop*, Sanctus, Attalus, Blandina, *and the other Martyrs of Lyons*, 177. St. Erasmus, or Ermo (*commonly* Elmo), *Bishop and Martyr at Formiæ*; 303. Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, *Martyrs*, 304.	Didius Julian (Emperor), *executed*, 193. St. Nicephorus (*Patriarch*), 828. Robert Beaumont, Earl of Leicester, 1118. Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, 1572. *executed, Tower Hill.* James Douglas, Earl of Morton, 1581. *guillotined, Edinburgh.* Sir William Berkeley, *killed*, 1666. Sir Edward Leigh, 1671. *Rushall.* M. Dambourney, 1795. *Rouen.* The power of *forgiving* flows from a strength of soul conscious of its own force, whence it draws a certain safety which its enemy is not of consideration enough to interrupt; for 'tis peculiar in the make of a brave man to have his friends seem much above him, his enemies much below him. *Steele.*

Let it be doom's-day; nay, take longer scope;
Pay when th' art honest, let me have some hope.—*Epigram.*

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II. JUNE.

To England will I steal, and there I'll steal:
And patches will I get unto these scars,
And swear, I got them in the Gallia wars.—*Pistol.*

Acts.

HEREWARD, Lord of Born, destroys the town and abbey of Peterborough, 1070.

Louis the Dauphin receives the homage of his English subjects, the citizens and barons, in the cathedral of St. Paul, 1216.

The espousals of Catherine the Fair (better known as sweet *Kate*), of France, with Harry V. are celebrated in the cathedral of *Troyes*, Trinity Sunday, at noon, 1420. Upon the fifth day, he opened the siege of Sens; "the whiche town is worthily beseged: for ther ly at that sege, two kyngs—queenes, IV ducks, with my loord of Bedford, whanne he cometh hedir."

The great *Napier* addresses his letter to Anthony (brother to Lord) Bacon, entitled "Secret inventions necessary for defending the island against strangers, the enemies of God's truth and religion," 1596. The principle of his everlasting *Logarithmic Canon* had been then *established* for about two years.

Prince Henry, the hope of the nation, is invested with the order of the Garter, 1603.

Charles I. grants to James Hay, Earl of Carlisle, by letters patent, all the Caribbean Islands, including Barbadoes, 1627.

General Monk defeats the Dutch, under Van Tromp, off the North Foreland, 1653. In this engagement, which continued for two days, twenty ships were taken and destroyed.

King Charles I. issues a remonstrance 1637, to the mayor and aldermen of the city of *Winchester*: "Trusty and well-beloved, we greet you well. Whereas we are given to understand by our well-beloved chaplain, Doctor Young, Dean of Winchester, that he hath lately given you notice of an order which, with the advice of the lords of our privy council, we have settled for the regulating of our cathedral church at Winchester, in some particulars which were in difference between that church and the mayor and corporation of our city there, namely, that our mayor there should not bear up his maces in the quire of that our church.

Come, your answer in broken musick; for thy voice is musick, and thy English broken. *King Henry V.*

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II. JUNE.

He preach'd the joys of Heaven, and pains of Hell,
And warn'd the sinner with becoming zeal:
But on eternal mercy lov'd to dwell.
He taught the gospel rather than the law;
And forc'd himself to drive; but lov'd to draw.
For fear but freezes minds: but love, like heat,
Exhales the soul sublime, to seek her native seat.

A Good Parson.

Acts.

"WHEREUPON you, the Mayor of Winchester, and others by your example, have ever since forborne to come to our cathedral church there. We have therefore thought fit, for the preservation of the solemnity of divine service in so ancient and eminent a church, and likewise for your own good, to will and require you and your company to frequent that holy place duly from time to time, upon Sundays and Holidays, with all due reverence, and that you be there at the beginning of divine service; and that at your going in and coming out, and whilst you are there, you carry yourselves as it becometh you, in all obedience and conformity to the canons of the church, and to the commendable customs of that and other our cathedrals; and herein you are not to fail, we having commanded the diocesan and dean of that place to take especial care to see this performed; and to give an account from time to time of your demeanours herein. This we hold most fit to be observed for prevention of disorder and differences between the church and the city; in the good of both which, seeing we have so great an interest, it shall be our special care that the distinct liberties and privileges granted by our royal progenitors to these several bodies, be inviolably kept for all times to come, and that every one in his own place be respected and obeyed accordingly. *And therefore we do hereby order, that from henceforth there shall not be borne before the mayor of that our city any maces at all, within the quire* of our said cathedral church at Winchester; neither shall he make any use of these ensigns of authority in any part of the cathedral church or liberties thereof, *but upon courtesy and permission expressly granted* by the dean and chapter."

A virtuous and well-disposed person, like a good metal, the more he is fired, the more he is fined; the more he is opposed, the more he is approved: wrongs may well try him and touch him, but cannot imprint in him any false stamp.

Richelieu.

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II. JUNE.

Far to the right, where Appennine ascends,
Bright as the summer, Italy extends:
Its uplands sloping deck the mountain's side,
Woods over woods in gay theatric pride;
While oft some temple's mouldering tops between
With memorable grandeur mark the scene.—*Goldsmith.*

Acts.

THE day of St. Elmo, invocated by the *mariners* in the Mediterranean. In 1658 the *wind* had been northerly at London for nearly six months.

Rob Roy Macgregor (so well remembered) surrenders to the Duke of Athol, but afterwards escapes into the Highlands of Scotland, 1717.

The Regatta at Venice, 1740: "The Signora Pisani Mocinego's piote represented the chariot of the Night, drawn by four sea-horses, and showing the rising of the moon, accompanied with stars; the statues on each side representing the hours, to the number of twenty-four, rowed by gondoliers in rich liveries, which were changed three times, all of equal richness, and the decorations changed also to the dawn of Aurora and the mid-day sun, the statues being new dressed every time, the first in green, the second time in red, and the last blue, all equally laced with silver, there being three races. Signor Contarini's piote showed the liberal arts: Apollo was seated on the stern upon mount Parnassus, Pegasus behind, and the Muses seated round him: opposite was a figure representing Painting, with Fame blowing her trumpet; and on each side Sculpture and Music in their proper dresses. Signor Paul Doria had the chariot of Diana, who appeared hunting in a large wood; the trees, hounds, stag, and nymphs, all done naturally: the gondoliers dressed like peasants attending the chace; and Endymion, lying under a large tree, gazing on the goddess."

The six founders of the Academy of Sciences at Stockholm (one of whom was *Linnæus*) first assemble, 1739. This institution was incorporated under the name of *The Royal Swedish Academy*, on the 31st of March, 1741.

The City of Grand Cairo is nearly destroyed by an earthquake, and 40,000 of its inhabitants are buried in the ruins, 1754.

The riots under Lord George Gordon, in St. George's Fields, 1780.—Two Catholic chapels and the prison of *Newgate* were destroyed.

Born not to serve himself, his gen'rous plan
Takes in the universe, nor ends in man.—*Lucan on Cato.*

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III. JUNE.

Thou, to whom the world unknown
With all its shadowy shapes is shown;
Who seest appall'd the unreal scene,
While Fancy lifts the veil between:
Ah, Fear! ah, frantic Fear!
I see, I see thee near.
I know thy hurried step, thy haggard eye!
Like thee I start, like thee disorder'd fly.
For, lo, what monsters in thy train appear.—*Ode to Fear.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
III. Non. 3.	Dr. Tho. Smith, 1638, *London.* Dr. J. Gregory, 1724, *Aberdeen.* Dr. James Hutton, 1726, *Edinburgh.* Robert Tannahill, 1774, *Paisley.*	St. Barsabias, 342. d. *Astahara, in Persia.* Bishop (John) Aylmer, 1594. d. *Fulham.* (St. Paul's.) William Harvey, 1657. *Hempstead in Essex.* Admiral Opdam, *blown up,* 1665. Dr. Edmund Calamy, 1732. Jethro Tull, 1740. *Berkshire.* Paul Egede, 1789. d. *Greenland.* William Hamilton Reid, 1826.

Sir Edward Coke was wont to say, when a great man came to dinner, and gave him no knowledge of his coming; *Sir, since you sent me no word of your coming, you must dine with me; but if I had known of it in due time, I would have dined with you.* Apophthegms.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Cecilius, *of Africa,* 211.
St. Clotildis (or Clotilda), *Queen of France,* d. 545.
St. Lifard, *Abbot near Orleans,* d. 6th Century.
St. Coemgen (or Keiven), 1*st Abbot, and Patron of Glendaloch,* d. 618.
St. Genesius (or Genes), *Bishop of Clermont,* c. 662.

Upon that, he took heart and went to Heaven, and knocked; and *St. Peter* asked who was there? He said *Sixtus Pope* [V.] Whereunto *St. Peter* said; why do you knock? you have the keys. *Sixtus* answered; it is true, but it is so long since they were given, as I doubt the wards of the lock be altered.

Apophthegms.

Hypocrisy is the homage that vice pays to virtue.—*Rochefoucault.*

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III. JUNE.

Rome stands by her ancient morals.—*Latin Sentence.*

Acts.

THIS day was dedicated by the Romans to *Bellona*, the goddess of war.

The capture of *Antioch*, on the Orontes, the capital of Syria, by the first crusaders, 1098. This famous siege *commenced* the 21st of October, 1097. The sword of Godfrey divided a Turk, says an *eye-witness*, from the shoulder to the haunch; and one-half of the infidel fell to the ground, while the other was carried by his horse to the city gates!

Mahomet II. sits down before *Belgrade*, on the Danube, 1456.

The marriage of Henry VIII. with Katharine is solemnized 1509.

The Cadiz expedition, under Nottingham and the *fiery* and gallant Earl of Essex, sails from Plymouth 1596.—*See* 21*st June.*

Sir Amias Paulet, the *keeper* of Mary, reports 1586: "The Scottish Queen is getting a little strength, and has been out in her coach; and is sometimes *carried in a chair to one of the adjoining ponds, to see the diversion of duck-hunting, but she is not able to walk without support on either side.*"—Alas! it was *nailing* down the vineyard.

King James visits the *Lions' tower*, 1605. After being forced from their den with burning links; "then was there two racks of mutton thrown unto them, which they did presently eat: then was there a lusty live *cock* cast unto them, which they presently killed, and sucked his blood. After that the king caused a live *lamb* to be easily let down unto them by a rope, and being come to the ground, the lamb lay upon his knees, and both the lions stood in their former places, and only beheld the lamb; but presently the lamb rose up and went unto the lions, *who very gently looked upon him and smelled on him, without sign of any further hurt.*" This was an amusement of the British *Solomon* and his court.

The Earl of Sandwich defeats the Dutch fleet, off *Harwich*, 1665. King Charles wrote a letter of thanks to the commander upon this great and *happy victory*: "I will say no more myself till I see you, that I may take you in my arms, and give you other testimonies how truly I am your affectionate friend."

The transit of the planet *Venus*, over the sun's disk, observed by Dr. Hornsby, Lalande, and others, and at *Otaheite*, by Mr. Green, who sailed for that purpose under Captain Cook.

The city of Port-au-Prince, in St. Domingo, is destroyed by an earthquake, 1770. Mara's last vocal performance in England, 1802.

Never talk of your schemes before they are executed, lest you be exposed to the double mortification of disappointment and ridicule. *Pittacus.*

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IV. JUNE.

Above, below, without, within, around,
Confus'd, unnumber'd multitudes are found,
Who pass, repass, advance, and glide away;
Hosts rais'd by fear, and phantoms of a day.
The flying rumours gather'd as they roll'd,
Scarce any tale was sooner heard than told;
And all who told it added something new,
And all who heard it made enlargements too,
In every ear it spread, on every tongue it grew.

Temple of Fame.

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Prid. Non. 4.	Emanuel Alvarez, 1526, *Island of Madeira.* James Mylne, 1737, *Suttie Barns.* George III. (*of England*), 1738, N. S. *Norfolk House, St. James's.* John Scott, Earl of Eldon, 1751, *Newcastle.*] **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Quirinus, *Bishop in Pannonia, Martyr*, 303. St. Optatus, *Bishop in Numidia*, (after) 384. St. Nenooc (or Nennoca), *Virgin of Great Britain*, d. 467. St. Breaca (or Breague), *Virgin*, d. *Cornwall*, 5th Century. St. Petroc (or Perreuse), *Abbot of Padstow and of Bodmin*, c. 564. St. Burian, *an Irish Woman*, (before) 10th Century. St. Walter, *of England*, Abbot, 1150. St. Walter, *Abbot in Ancona*, 13th Century.	Alice (*of France*), 1206. died, *Paris.* Alvares de Luna, 1453. *behead. Valladolid.* Flavius Blondus, 1463. died, *Rome.* Sir John Arden, 1526. John Fryth 1533. *burned, Smithfield.* M. A. Muretus, 1585. died, *Paris.* Archbishop (William) Juxon, 1663. *St. John's, Oxford.* Sir John Lawson, *killed*, 1665. Francis le Moine, 1737. Alexis Normant, 1745. Louis XVII. (*of France*), *poisoned*, 1795. Sir Francis Buller, 1800. Francis Xavier Talbert, 1804. d. *Lemberg.* Marshal Louis Davoust, 1823. Celerity with politick men is like the motion of a bullet in the air, which flieth so swift as it outruns the eye.—*Bacon.*

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IV. JUNE.

Proceed in thy great work; bring forth thy knight
Preserved for his times, that by the might
And magic of his arm he may restore
Those ruin'd seats of virtue, and build more.
Beyond the paths, and searches of the sun,
Let him tempt fate; and when a world is won,
Submit it duly to this state, and throne,
Till time, and utmost stay make that his own.---*Jonson.*

Acts.

A TEMPLE was dedicated by Sylla to *Hercules.—See 30th June.*

Dionysius attests, that in his time (the Augustan age), the twenty-third day of the Greek month, *Thargelion* (April), fell seventeen days before the Summer solstice; and he computes thirty seven days from that point to the end of the Attic year; therefore the fourth day of Hecatombæon would *then* occur on the 22d day *after the tropic.*

Henry VIII. creates the Bishopric of *Bristol*, in the place of the monastery, 1542. The *municipium* was the next year proclaimed a *city.*

Prince Henry receives the dignity of *Prince of Wales*, in his sixteenth year, 1610. Ben Jonson produced his *Masque of Oberon*, and the *Barriers*, on the two succeeding days, to celebrate the event. It was at these Barriers that Carr, then a page to Lord Hay, broke his leg, which laid the foundation of his extraordinary fortune. The Prince at tilt adopted the style of *Mœliades*, Prince of the Isles, which in anagram expressed his mot and character, *Miles à Deo.*—See Drummond's "*Tears.*"

Charles I. is seized by Joyce, at *Holmby*, near Northampton, and conveyed first to Newmarket, and afterwards (the 24th of August) to Hampton Court, from which place he escaped in the night, 11th of November, and, two days later, found himself in a closer custody within the walls of Carisbrook Castle, in the Isle of Wight, 1647.—*See 30th Jan.*

The city of Glasgow is declared by charter a royal borough, with power to elect its own magistrates, independent of the diocesan, 1690.

The young *Nelson* sails with Captain Phipps from the Nore, in a voyage to the North Pole, 1773. His adventure with the *bear*, "that he might carry the skin to his father," is one of those *unimportant*, but delightful traits in the life of a great man which is always sure to be preserved, as straws in amber—sunny petals dried in the folio of memory.

Trinity Thursday. "Corpus Christi," the Catholic *Eucharistic* festival.

When you go abroad consider what you have to do; when you return home, what you have done. *Cleobulus.*

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V. JUNE.

Pleasure and pain, which are two sentiments so different in themselves, differ not so much in their cause. From the instance of tickling, it appears, that the movement of pleasure, pushed a little too far, becomes pain; and that the movement of pain, a little moderated, becomes pleasure. Hence it proceeds that there is such a thing as a sorrow, soft and agreeable. *Fontenelle.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Non. 5.	Joseph de Tournefort, 1656, *Aix in Provence.* Dr. Adam Smith, 1723, *Kirkaldy.* The authority of a *father*, so useful to our well being, and so justly venerable upon all accounts, hinders us from having that entire love for him that we have for our *mothers*, where the paternal authority is almost melted down into the mother's fondness and indulgence. *Burke.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Dorotheus, *Bishop of Tyre, M.* 4th Century. St. Dorotheus, of Thebes, *Abbot*, 4th Century. St. Illidius, *Bishop of Clermont*, d. c. 385. St. Boniface, of England, *Archbishop of Mentz*, Apostle of Germany, *Martyr*, 755. (*See English Church Calendar.*)	Lamoral, Count Egmont, 1568. *beheaded, Brussels.* Philip de Montmorenci, Count Horn, 1568. *beheaded, Brussels.* Nicholas Tooley, 1623. *buried, St. Giles', Cripplegate.* John Henry Hottinger, 1667. *drowned, (river) Limmat.* Thomas Baker, 1690. *Bishop's Nymmet.* Roger Cotes, 1716. *Trinity College, Cambridge.* Dr. Henry Sacheverell, 1724. Charles Viner, 1756. David Henry, 1792. John Paisiello, 1816, *Naples.* George Stephen Kemble, 1822. Carl Maria Von Weber, 1826. *Moorfields Chapel.* Harry Stoe Van-Dyk, 1828. King James I. used to say of *flattery*, "Nay, by my soul, that is too hard."—*Temple.*

But we generally have a great love for our *grandfathers*, in whom this authority is removed a degree from us, and where the decay of age mellows it into something of a feminine partiality.---*Burke.*

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V. JUNE.

And, Memory, preserv'ress of things done,
Reveal to me how all the strife begun
'Twixt Lancaster and York, in ages past:
How causes, counsels, and events did run,
So long as these unhappy times did last;
Unintermix'd with fictions, fantasies.---*Daniel.*

Acts.

THE Bœotians, upon the fifth of their month, *Hippodromius* (Hecatombæon), achieved two signal victories, both of which restored liberty to Greece; the one at *Leuctra*, under Epaminondas, twenty days after the Spartan congress, corresponding with the eighth of July, the year in which he founded Megalopolis, B. C. 371: the other at *Ceressus*, about B. C. 500, when they defeated the Thessalians led by Lattamyas.

The earliest eclipse of the sun mentioned in the Roman *Annales Maximi* as having been observed, fell, according to Cicero, on the nones of June, about the year B. C. 350: the earlier eclipses were computed backward from it, unto that when Romulus was carried up to heaven.

Henry IV. issues from Westminster a proclamation to dispel the rumours of Richard II. having *appeared* in Scotland—stating that he was recently dead and buried, A. D. 1402.

The eleven Judges address a memorial to the ministers of Queen Elizabeth, complaining of the arbitrary imprisonment and detention of certain individuals, contrary to the *laws of the realm*, 1591.

The English merchants trading to the Levant, surrender their patent to King James, who exonerates them from the annual pension of £4000 contributed by them for this commercial monopoly, 1603.

The marriage of Shakspeare's daughter, *Susannah*, with Dr. John Hall, a celebrated physician, 1607. The qualities of this female were wit *above her sex*, universal charity, and a strong religious feeling.

The attack of *New Ross* by the Irish rebels, who are repulsed, 1798.

The old law of wager of battle, in which personal combat was allowed, is abolished 1819. An exterminating plague at Tunis, same year.

TRINITY FRIDAY. Tradition states, that the beautiful Godiva, of *Coventry*, wife of Leofric, Earl of Chester, in the time of Edward the Confessor, procured upon this day from her lord a restitution of privileges for the citizens, by a nude exhibition, which is so well known to have excited the curiosity of a child of the needle, called *the Peeper*.

It is safer trusting to an unbridled horse than to an intemperate tongue.
Theophrastes.

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VI. JUNE.

The shrill east's hissing gale shall but dally with thee,
O'er thy quivering chords as it murm'ringly skims;
Let me lean back my neck at the root of the tree,
And stretch on this bank's mossy verdure my limbs.
Ha! clouds---sudden clouds! how the heaven is o'ercast!
How dreary the echo! the crashing of rains!
Up and hence!---human joys, thus ye come, thus are past,
And only the print of your footstep remains!

Casimir to his Lyre.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VIII. Id. 6.	Peter Corneille, 1606, *Rouen.* John Baptist Languet, 1675, *Dijon.* Dr. Nathaniel Lardner, 1684, *Hawkhurst.* Joseph (*of Portugal*), 1714.	Henry I. (*of Castile*), 1217. d. *Placentia.* *Lodovico Giovanni* Ariosto, 1553, (O. S.) *Ferrara.* William Hunnis, 1597. d. *Westminster.* Anthony Ascham, 1650. *assassinated, Spain.* Charles de Schomberg, 1656. d. *Paris.* Louise, Duchess de la Valliere, 1710. Samuel Dale, 1739. d. *Bocking.* George, Lord Anson, 1762. d. *Moor Park.* Grochowski, 1791. *killed, Syezekociny.* Patrick Henry, 1799. *Virginia.*

An author is little to be valued, who tells us nothing but what we can learn from every coffee-house conversation.

Hume.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Philip the Deacon, *of Cæsarea in Palestine*, (after) 58.
St. Gudwall, *Bishop of St. Malo's*, d. c. 600.
St. Claude, *Archbishop of Besançon, and* Patron of the Diocess of St. Claude, d. c. 700.
St. Norbert, *Archbishop of Magdebourg*, founder of the order of White Canons, d. 1134.
St. Coca (or Coga), Virgin, *Patroness of the Church of Kilcock.*

Where the riches are in few hands, these must enjoy all the power, and will readily conspire to lay the whole burthen on the poor, and oppress them still farther, to the discouragement of all industry.—*Hume.*

No deep-rooted evil is to be removed without a juncture of hands; but these must have a head, a lever, a centre-point, sincere, steady, and wholly uncontrolled.

Raleigh.

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VI. JUNE.

'Tis not from whom, but where, we live:
The place does oft those graces give.
Great Julius on the mountains bred,
A flock perhaps, or herd, had led:
He, that the world subdued, had been
But the best wrestler on the green.—*Waller.*

Acts.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the birth of ALEXANDER *the Great*, on the sixth day of *Lous* (*Hecatombæon*), during the Olympic games, in the first year of the 106th Olympiad, at *Pella*, B. C. 356.—*See 6th April.* This joyful *deliverance* was notified to Philip at the falling of Potidæa; and two other messengers reached his camp on the same day, announcing that his race-horse had gained the prize at the games, and that Parmenio his captain had defeated the Illyrians. It was in the night of this very day that the celebrated temple of *Diana* (who was then watching the labours of Olympias) was burnt to the ground by Eratostratus, an Ephesian *youth* that fondly panted for an infamous reputation.

The goddess Vesta's nine-days' holiday began. Upon *this* day her temple was annually swept and thoroughly purified.—*See 9th June.*

King John lands in Ireland and receives the homage of twenty native princes, 1210. He returned to England on the 30th of August following.

Isabella, the Queen of Castile, addresses a letter of greeting and *friendship* to the usurper Richard III. by the hands of her counsellor the Bachelor of Sasiola,—signed "*Yo la Reyne,*" 1483.

The coronation of Louis XIV. of France, 1654. Henrietta, the *widowed* Queen of Charles, and her son James Duke of York were present at the ceremony.

Dr. Pitcairne publishes at Leyden his dissertation on the circulation of the blood through the *veins*, 1693.

George II. defeats the French under Marshal Noailles at *Dettingen*, 1743. The capture of Cape Breton by the British troops, 1745.

A conspiracy of the Turkish *slaves* at Malta to exterminate the order, 1749.

A transit of the planet *Venus* described by Canton, and Cassini de Thury, 1761.

The ashes of *Ariosto* are removed into the library of Ferrara with a splendid parade, 1801.

The Emperor Alexander and Frederick of Prussia land at Dover, 1814.

Labour rids us of three great evils, irksomeness, vice, and poverty.—*Voltaire.*

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VII. JUNE.

Ah, freedom is a noble thing;
Freedom makes men to have liking.
To man all solace Freedom gives:
He lives at ease who freely lives;
And he that aye has lived free,
May not well know the misery,
The wrath, the hate, the spite, and all
That's compass'd in the name of thrall.—*Bruce's Elegy.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VII. Id. 7.	John Rennie, 1761, *Preston Kirk.* Robert Jenkinson, Earl of Liverpool, 1770. The day will come, when the earth and the heavens shall be changed; and men shall come forth from their graves to appear before the only, the mighty God. And thou shalt see the wicked bound together in *fetters*, and fire shall cover their faces; for God is *swift* in taking an account. *Koran.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Paul, *Bishop of Constantinople, M.* c. 350. St. Colman, *Bishop of Dromore*, d. c. 610. St. Godeschalc, *Prince of the Western Vandals*, and his Companions, *Martyrs*, 1066. St. Robert, *Abbot in Northumberland*, d. 1159. St. Meriadec, *Bishop of Vannes*, 1302.	Marcus Opilius Macrinus (*Emperor*), A. D. 218. *beheaded, Cappadocia.* St. Columba, 597. d. *Ireland.* Mahomet, 632. *died* (and buried), *Medina.* St. Willibald, 790. d. *Aichstadt.* Robert Bruce, (*of Scotland*), 1329. died, *Cardross Castle.* (Dunfermline.) Archbishop (John) de Ufford, 1349. Anne (*of England*), 1394. d. *Richmond.* Anne of St. Bartholomew's, 1626. *Antwerp.* Bishop (John) Sage, 1711. d. *Edinburgh.* Henry Dodwell, 1711. *Shottesbrooke.* William Aikman, 1731. died, *Leicester Fields.* Anthony Poinsinet, 1769. *drowned, Guadalquiver.* Bishop (William) Warburton, 1779. *Gloucester.* Dean William Davies Shipley, 1826. d. *Boddryddan.*

If there be any debtor under a difficulty of paying his debt, let his creditor wait till it be easy for him to do it. *Book of Mahomet.*

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VII. JUNE.

Tell them I wait here in the Mayor's Court;
Beneath, in the Sheriff's Court my workmen wait,
In number full an hundred; my frame is ready,
All only stay their pleasure, then out of hand,
Up goes my work, a credit to the land.—*Old Play.*

Acts.

THE Fishermen's festival was kept at Rome in the Campus Tiberinus.

The famous interview of eighteen days, between Henry VIII. and Francis I. within the English pale, between Guisnes and Ardres, upon *Le Champ de Drap d'Or*, 1520. "After the tournament," observes the Mareschal de Fleuranges, who was present, "the French and English *wrestlers* made their appearance, and wrestled in presence of the kings, and the ladies; and as there were many stout wrestlers there, it afforded excellent pastime: but as the King of France had neglected to bring any wrestlers out of Bretagne, the English gained the prize.—After this, the Kings of France and England retired to a tent, where they drank together, and the King of England, seizing the King of France by the collar, said, '*My brother, I must wrestle with you*,' and endeavoured once or twice to trip up his heels; but the King of France, who is a dexterous wrestler, twisted him round, and threw him on the earth with prodigious violence. The King of England wanted to renew the combat, but was prevented." At this meeting, the English were said to have carried their *manors*, the French their *forests*, upon their backs.

The penal Statute of the Six Articles passes the two houses and the Royal assent, 1539.

The Royal Exchange is FOUNDED by Sir Thomas Gresham, on the model of, and as a substitute for, the Mart at Antwerp, then the centre of commerce, 1566. His *crest* was a '*grasshopper*.'

Captain John *Davis* sails from Dartmouth, to discover a north-west passage to the Eastern Indies. He returned on the 3d of September, 1585.

An order of council, 1660, that the Stationers' Company do seize and deliver to the Secretary of State, all copies of Buchanan's "History of Scotland," and *de Jure regni apud Scotos*, "which are very pernicious to monarchy and injurious to his majesty's blessed progenitors."

A *dreadful* earthquake in Jamaica, at noon, 1692.—The battle of *Bunker's Hill*, in North America, 1775.—A small manuscript volume of prayers, composed and written by Queen Elizabeth, was sold by auction for one hundred guineas, upon this day, 1786.

Be careful of the worldly maxim, that there is sometimes good in evil; for profitable knavery is a mistake which time will rectify. *Æsop.*

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VIII. JUNE.

By sacred Ganges' waters, I conduct
The English *merchant:* with the buxom fleece
Of fertile Ariconium, have I clothed
Sarmathian kings; and to the household gods
Of Syria, from the bleak Cornubian shore,
Dispensed the mineral treasure which of old
Sidonian pilots sought, when this fair land
Was yet unconscious of those generous arts
Which wise Phœnicia from their native clime
Transplanted to a more indulgent Heaven.---*Mercury.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VI. Id. 8.	John Dominic Cassini, 1635, *Piedmont.* Count Alexander Cagliostro, 1743, *Palermo.* Thomas Dunham Whitaker, 1759, *Rainham.* There may be *some* circumstances, where the commerce and riches and luxury of individuals, instead of adding strength to the public, will serve only to diminish its authority among the neighbouring nations.—*Hume.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Maximinus, 1*st Archbishop of Aix in Provence*, 1st Cent. St. Gildard (or Godard), *Bishop of Rouen*, 6th Century. St. Medard, *Bishop of Noyon*, 545. St. Syra, *Virgin of Ireland*, 7th Century. St. Clou (or Clodulphus), *Bishop of Metz*, d. 696. St. William, *Archbishop of York*, d. 1154.	*Claudius Domitius* Nero, A. D. 68. *Rome.* Hardecanute (*of England*), 1042. d. *Lambeth.* (Winchester.) Thibault I. (*of Navarre*), 1233. Louis X. (*of France*), 1316. d. *Vincennes.* Edward, *the Black Prince* (of Wales), 1376. died, *Westminster.* (Canterbury.) Archbishop Scroop, *beheaded*, 1405. *York.* Sir Thomas Randolph, 1590. *Paul's Wharf.* J. Bertaut, 1611. *Normandy.* Sir H. Slingsby, *beheaded*, 1658. John Durell, 1683. *Windsor.* Henry Arnauld, 1692. d. *Angers.* C. Huygens, 1695. d. *Hague.* Princess Sophia (*of Brunswick*), 1714. d. *Hanover.* Editha Pope, 1733. *Twickenham.* Kouli Khan, *murdered*, 1747. W. Pulteney, Earl of Bath, 1764. Abbé John Winckelmann, 1768. *assassinated, Trieste.* Godfred Augustus Bürger, 1794. Thomas Paine, 1809. *Baltimore.*

He that travelleth into a country, before he hath some entrance into the language, goeth to school and not to travel. *Bacon.*

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VIII. JUNE.

O Susan, Susan, lovely dear,
My vows shall ever true remain;
Let me kiss off that falling tear;
We only part to meet again.
Change, as ye list, ye winds; my heart shall be
The faithful compass that still points to thee.

Black-eyed Susan.

Acts.

THE Gynopædiæ, a Spartan festival, in which *naked children* sang the praises of Apollo, and of the three hundred Lacedæmonians who gloriously fell at Thermopylæ, was celebrated on the seventh or eighth day of *Hecatombæon*. The black and disastrous news at Leuctra reached Sparta on the last day of the games.—The day of the goddess *Mens*.

The death of Nero by his *own hand*, in the thirty-second year of his age, and the fourteenth of his dominion, A. D. 68. "Everybody about him now pressing him to save himself from the indignities which were ready to befall him, he ordered a grave to be made before his eyes, suitable to the size of his body, and the bottom covered with pieces of marble put together, if any could be found about the farm-house, and water and wood likewise to be provided for his funeral; weeping at every thing that was done, and frequently saying, '*What an artist is now to perish!*'—He died with his eyes standing out of his head, to the terror of all that beheld him." This lump of abomination was succeeded by Galba, and shortly after by Otho, neither of them a model for men in any station, and the *stuffed portrait* of Nero, at full length, would even disgrace an exhibitor's show. The monster destroyed *Octavia* upon this day.

The execution of Archbishop Scroop, for insurrection, 1405:—"Henry IV. *commanded* the Chief Justice *Gascoigne* (memorable on another and more interesting occasion) to pronounce upon him the sentence of death: but that inflexible judge refused, on the plea that the laws gave him no jurisdiction over the life of the prelate; and that *he had a right to be tried by his peers.*"

Martin Frobisher under the protection of the Earl of Warwick sails from Deptford with three ships, upon a north-western passage: "We bore down by the court, where we shot off an ordnance, and made the best show we could. Her Majesty beholding the same, commended it, and bade us farewell, *with shaking her hand at us out of the window!*" He returned to Harwich upon the 2d of October, 1576.—*See* 11*th August*.

The path to peace is virtue: what I show,
Thyself may freely on thyself bestow.—*Juvenal.*

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IX. JUNE.

Sources of blameless virtue to mankind,
That form to excellence the youthful mind.
Clio, and Erato, who charms the sight;
With thee, Euterpe, minist'ring delight:
Thalia flourishing, Polymnia fam'd,
Melpomene from skill in music nam'd:
Terpsichoré; Urania, heav'nly bright,
And thou, who gav'st me to behold the light.---*Orpheus.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
v. Id. 9.	Prokopovitch Theophanes, 1681, *Kiof, on the Dnieper.*	Leo VI. the Wise (*Emperor*) 911.
	Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsay, 1686, *Ayr.*	Otto, Duke of Brunswick, 1252.
	Francis Blackburne, 1705, *Richmond in Yorkshire.*	William, Lord Paget, 1563. *Drayton.*
	Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, 1757.	Secretary Sir William Maitland, 1573. d. *Edinburgh.*
		Thomas Radclyffe, Earl of Sussex, 1583. *Bermondsey.* (Boreham.)
		Joseph Anchieta, 1597. *Brazil.*
		Marine d'Escobar, 1633.
		Henry Buch, 1666. d. *Paris.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.*	William Lilly, 1681. *Walton.*
		Antoine Varillas, 1696.
	Sts. Primus and Felicianus, *Brothers and Martyrs at Nomentum*, 286.	Walter Moyle, 1721. d. *Cornwall.*
		Benedict Pictet, 1724. d. *Geneva.*
	St. Vincent, *Martyr at Agen in Gaul*, 2nd or 3rd Century.	Daniel de Superville, 1728. d. *Rotterdam.*
	St. Pelagia, *Virgin, Martyr at Antioch*, 311.	Nicholas Ferri (*Dwarf*), 1764. d. *Prussia.*
	St. Columba (or Columkille, *commonly pronounced* Colme), *of Ireland*, Apostle of the Picts, 597.	John Ives, 1776. *Yarmouth.*
		Dr. Wm. Kenrick, 1779.
	St. Richard, of England, *Bishop of Andria in Apulia*, c. 7th Century.	Robert Robinson, 1790. died, *Birmingham.*
		Pauline Buonaparte, 1825. d. *Borghese Palace.*
		Dr. Abraham Rees, 1825. died, *Finsbury.*

Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar:
Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice.---*Polonius.*

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IX. JUNE.

But (ah!) all otherwise they do esteem
Of th' heavenly gift of wisdom's influence,
And to be learned it a base thing deem;
Base minded they that want intelligence:
For God himself for wisdom most is prais'd,
And men to God thereby are highest rais'd.---*Clio.*

Acts.

THE VESTALIA, festivals observed at Rome upon this day, in honour of Vesta, when the ladies walked in procession, barefooted, to her temple, and an altar was erected to Jupiter *Pistor*, the pounder. In truth, these were astronomical rites derived from a different climate, and observed in a corrupt form without being understood; as the blind jade turns the mill.

The ninth day of the Jewish month *Thammug* was an especial fast for the taking of Jerusalem, under *Nebuchadnezzar*, king of Babylon, upon that day, B. C. 587.—*See 7th July.* The 'seventy years' of the *captivity*, according to the prediction of Jeremiah, begins B. C. 606, when the temple was *plundered*, and Daniel with his three companions who escaped from the furnace, were led away to the Assyrian capital.

The seige of Jerusalem by the first crusaders, 1099. "Godfrey, of Bouillon, erected his standard on the first swell of Mount Calvary: to the left, as far as St. Stephen's gate, the line of attack was continued by Tancred and the two Roberts; and Count Raymond established his quarters from the citadel to the foot of Mount Sion."—*See 15th July.*

Secretary Lord Sackville writes to Sir Julius Cæsar from Horsley, 1607: "Now, Mr. Chancellor, touching your lamentation of the clamours and suits that are daily made to you for *money*, and how grievous it is unto you, I can say but this; that true fortitude is never daunted, and truth ought never to be either afraid or ashamed. You may truly answer them, that no labours shall be spared to collect the King's revenues and pay his debts: in the meantime, they must have patience and be content."

Evelyn notes, 1698: "To Deptford, to see how miserably the *Czar* had left my house; after three months making it his court.—I then went to see the *foundation* of the hall and chapel at Greenwich Hospital."

Clio was the first of the Muses, and the president of History. She is figured with a *plectrum*, or quill, a lute, book, and trumpet, and diademed in a *laurel* crown. The *Spectator* signed with her letters.

For better far it were to hide their names,
Than telling them to blazen out their blames.---*Spenser.*

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X. JUNE.

But friendly Fairies, met with many Graces,
And lightfoot Nymphs, can chace the ling'ring night
With hay-day guise, and trimly trodden traces,
While sisters nine, which dwell on Parnasse height,
Do make them music, for their more delight;
And Pan himself to kiss their chrystal faces
Will pipe and dance, when Phœbe shineth bright:
Such peerless pleasures have we in these places.—*Spenser's June.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IV. Id. 10.	Admiral René Duguay-Trouin, *St. Maloes*, 1673. James Stuart, (*called* the Old Pretender), 1688, *London*. John Dollond, 1706, *Spitalfields*. James Short, 1710, *Edinburgh*.	Frederic Barbarossa, (*Emperor*), 1190. d. *Cilicia*. Isabella Andreini, 1604. died, *Lyons*. Bishop (Valentine) Carey, 1626. Anthony Alsop, *killed*, 1726. Thomas Hearne, 1735. *Oxford*.
	A drop of water fell out of a cloud into the sea, and finding itself lost in such an immensity of fluid matter, broke out into the following reflection: Alas! what an inconsiderable creature am I in this prodigious ocean of waters! My existence is of no concern to the universe.	It so happened that an oyster, which lay in the neighbourhood of this drop, chanced to gape and swallow it up in the midst of this his humble soliloquy. The drop lay a great while hardening in the shell, till by degrees it was ripened into a pearl, which falling into the hands of a diver, after a long series of adventures, is at present that famous pearl which is fixed on the top of the Persian diadem.—*Addison.*
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Getulius, and Companions, *Martyrs*, 2d Century. St. Landry, (or Landericus), *Bishop of Paris*, (after) 653. St. Margaret, *Queen of Scotland*, 1093. Henry, *of Treviso*, (or St. Rigo), d. 1315.	

No more to flattering crowds thine ear incline,
Eager to drink the praise which is not thine.—*Persius.*

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X. JUNE.

Her merry looks, her forehead high,
  Her hair like golden wire,
Her hand and foot, her lip or eye,
  Would set a saint on fire.
And for to give Ginny her due,
  There's no ill part about her;
The turtle-dove's not half so true!
  Then who can live without her?—*Teonge.*

Acts.

JOAN of Arc besieges the Earl of Suffolk, in *Jargeau*, and on this day, the place is carried by storm, 1429. "The Maid of Orleans led the assailants, and reached the top of the wall, from which, by a stroke on the head, she was precipitated into the ditch. As she lay, unable to rise, she continued to exhort her friends with her voice, "Forward, countrymen, she exclaimed, fear nothing: *the Lord has delivered them into our hands.*" Suffolk inquired of the officer, who demanded his sword, if he were a knight? and being told to the contrary, "Then," said he, "I will make thee one." Having knighted him, this captain of the *laton sword*, de la Pole, surrendered with a *flourish*.

The College of Bologna *determine* that the marriage law in the book of "Leviticus," being a part of the law of nations, as well as of the law of Moses and of God, is binding on the whole Christian church, as well as infidels; and *therefore*, gave their decision against the legality of Henry's marriage with Katharine of Arragon, 1530.

Two barks fitted out by Raleigh, under the command of Captains Barlow and Amidas, arrive at the West Indies upon a voyage of discovery. They sailed the 27th of April, and returned to England in the middle of September, 1584, having taken possession of a new country, called Wingandacoa, by the natives, which so delighted Queen Elizabeth, that she named it *Virginia*.

The Dutch, commanded by De Ruyter, enter the river Medway as far as Chatham, and destroy several of our ships, *men of war*, 1667.

The London Hospital, at Mile End, instituted 1740, is founded, 1752.

Henry Teonge, N. S. 1675, "Takes coach from Poplar to Blackwall. In four days they hoist sail: and pass to the Buoy on the Redsands, where seeing a merchantman near us, without taking the least notice, we give him a shot, and make him lower his top-gallant, i. e. *put off his hat*."

One of the best rules in conversation is, never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish we had rather left unsaid; nor can there any thing be well more contrary to the ends for which people meet together, than to part unsatisfied with each other or themselves. *Swift.*

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XI. JUNE.

Poesy, thou sweet'st content
That e'er heaven to mortals lent:
Though thou be to them a scorn,
That to naught but earth are born;
And though some, too seeming holy,
Do account thy raptures folly,
Thou dost teach me to contemn
What made knaves and fools of them.—*Wither.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Id. 11.	George Wither, 1588, *Bentworth.* Sir Kenelm Digby, 1603, *Gothurst.* Edward Capell, 1713, *Troston.* A man shall see faces, that, if you examine them part by part, you shall find never a good; and yet altogether do well. If it be true, that the principal part of beauty is in decent motion, certainly it is no marvel, though persons in years seem many times more amiable; "*pulchrorum autumnus pulcher*;" for no youth can be comely but by pardon, and considering the youth as to make up the comeliness. *Bacon on Beauty.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Barnabas, *of Cyprus, Apostle and Martyr*, (after) 63. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Tochumna, of Tochumracht, *Virgin in Ireland.* St. Tochumna, *Virgin, Diocess of Kilmore.*	Servius Tullius, B. C. 534. *murdered, Rome.* Theodora (*Empress*), A. D. 548. *Constantinople.* Leo III. (*Pope*), 816. Prince Henry (*of England*), 1183. d. *France.* Roger Bacon, 1294. d. *Oxford.* Henry Beauchamp, Duke of Warwick, 1445. *Tewkesbury.* Maurice (*of Saxony*), 1553. Sir A. Cooke, 1576. *Rumford.* Sir Kenelm Digby, 1665. *Christchurch, Newgate.* Andrew Felibien, 1695. *Paris.* Balthasar Bekker, 1698. *Amst.* Louis Joseph, Duke de Vendome, 1712. *Escurial.* George I. (*of England*), 1727, O. S. d. *near Osnaburgh.* (Hanover.) Cæsar du Marsais, 1756. d. *Paris.* General Gouvion, 1793. *killed, Maubeuge, on the Sambre.* Dr. Robertson, 1793. *Edinburgh.* Samuel Ireland, 1800. *London.* Ernest Posselt, 1804. *Heidelberg.* Dugald Stewart, 1828.

Nuptial love maketh mankind; friendly love perfecteth it; but wanton love corrupteth and embaseth it.—*Bacon.*

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XI. JUNE.

Angel of Titan, whose celestial ray
Leads on the broad refulgence of the day;
Mankind in thee eternally delight,
And none presumes to shun thy beauteous sight.
Soon as thy splendours break, with general voice
The nations of the deep, and birds, rejoice.—*Orpheus.*

Acts.

THE MATRALIA are celebrated in honour of Mater *Matuta* the goddess of the *morning*, called by the Greeks Leucothea, or the *fair*, changed by Neptune to a sea divinity. Her temple was founded by Servius.

The destruction of Troy is placed commonly by English chronologists in the night of this day; an event which Homer has invested with unrivalled importance and a gorgeous immortality.—*See 24th April.*

The Consul Rutilius Lupus is destroyed, with his forces, by an *ambuscade*, near the river Livis, during the social war, B. C. 90.

The great council of reform called the 'Mad Parliament' assembles at Oxford, 1258. Every member was sworn to allow no consideration "neither of gift nor promise, profit nor loss, love nor hatred, nor fear" to influence him in the discharge of his duty.

The anniversary of the death, at Oxford, of the famous *Roger Bacon*, 1294. It is to this native philosopher (*Ilchester* boasts his birth) that we are indebted, if not for the discovery, at least the revival, in Europe, of the use of *gunpowder*, an instrument of destruction which modern warfare has carried to an excess tolerable only to those *economists*, who have endeavoured to persuade the world that in the ratio as the arts of pharmacy and chemistry have diminished its diseases, some other counteracting science must necessarily be *invented* to level existence with the *means* of nourishment:—if our earth should ever be found too *small* to support the number of mouths that might be generated upon it even in an universal state of peace, let these gentlemen of the *balance* consider whether certain prescribed rules of *temperance* would not produce the same effect without annihilating the principal attribute of the Deity; for undoubtedly the AMELIORATION of human misery, of all those *evils* which may be remedied by the labours of philanthropy, is a boon exacted by the Creator from the unshakled *accumulating* energies of man *alone.*

There is no stopping a torrent with a finger.—*Savage.*

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XI. JUNE.

But since, alas! ignoble age must come,
Disease, and death's inexorable doom;
The life, which others pay, let us bestow,
And give to fame what we to nature owe;
Brave though we fall, and honour'd if we live,
Or let us glory gain, or glory give.—*Homer's Sarpedon.*

Acts.

The memorable battle of *Campaldino*, where the Florentines defeat the people of Arezzo, 1289. Dante, then in his twenty-fourth year, was present, serving in the foremost troop of cavalry, and exposing his person to imminent danger. He has, in a letter, described the order of the battle. "The Uberti, Lamberti, and Abati, with all the ex-citizens of Florence, who adhered to the *Ghibelline* interest, were with the Aretini; while those inhabitants of Arezzo, who, owing to their attachment to the *Guelph* party, had been banished from their own city, were ranged on the side of the Florentines." The beautiful *Beatrice*, whom the muse of Dante has made imperishable, died in the year succeeding this victory: her father, Folco Portinari, the year preceding it.

Wat the Tyler assembles his followers at Blackheath, amounting to one hundred thousand men, 1381. John Ball, an itinerant preacher, to be *Chancellor*, gave them a sermon upon the spot.—*See 15th June.*

Sebastian Cabot, a Venetian born, but an Englishman by education, reaches this day, the latitude of sixty-seven degrees, thirty minutes, upon his north-west passage expedition, which sailed from Bristol early in May, 1497. "There were three men he brought to the king (says Fabian) taken in the *Newfoundland*, who were clothed in beasts' skins, ate raw flesh, spoke a strange uncouth tongue, and were very brutish in their behaviour." The country afterwards called, by Ponce de Leon, Florida, was visited by our navigator during this voyage. "Cabot is my very friend," says Peter Martyr, in 1515, "whom I use familiarly, and delight to have him sometimes keep me company in my own house."

James III. of Scotland is overthrown by the insurgent lords, and afterwards murdered at Milltown with the daggers of his subjects, 1488. This event took place "not far from *Falkirk*, where Wallace was defeated, and yet nearer to the memorable field of *Bannockburn*, where Bruce triumphed. It might be said, that he was weak and unfortunate, rather than criminal. But the follies of monarchs are no less fatal to themselves and their subjects, than their actual crimes and vices."

When Adam delved and Evé span,
Who was then the gentleman?—*Ball's Text.*

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XI. JUNE.

Here may you see the portrait of his face,
Who for his country's honour oft did trace
Along the deep, and made a noble way
Unto thy growing fame, *Virginia.*
The picture of his mind, if ye do crave it,
Look upon Virtue's picture, and ye have it.

Lines on Gilbert.

Acts.

Sir Humphrey Gilbert, the brother-in-law of Raleigh, embarks from Plymouth upon his *last* expedition, with five vessels, 1583. His commission was now expiring, dated the *same day*, 1578, which gave him full power, during *six years*, to undertake the discovery of the northern parts of America, and to inhabit and possess any lands which at that time were unsettled by Christian princes, or their subjects.—*See 5th August.* It was about the date of this patent, that he received from Queen Elizabeth, as a mark of her peculiar favour, an emblematical jewel, being *a small anchor of beaten gold, with one large pearl a-peak*, which he afterwards constantly wore at his breast, in remembrance of her bounty.

The flight of Mary, Queen of Scots, and her husband, Bothwell, from Borthwick Castle to Dunbar, 1567. Bothwell was shortly afterwards dismissed from her society, at the request of the Confederates. "He retreated to the Orkneys, and driven from thence, committed some outrages on the trade of Denmark. He was finally taken and immured in the castle of Malmoe, in Norway, where he died, after ten years' confinement."

An order of the parliament for the demolishment of Montgomery Castle, upon the Severn, the property of the Lords Herbert, 1649.

The siege of *Limerick*, defended by O'Nial, 1651.—*See 27th October.*

The Duke of Monmouth lands at *Lyme*, in open rebellion, 1685.

The peace of *Breslaw*, respecting the Austrian succession, is concluded between Austria and Prussia, 1742.—*See 18th October.*

Louis XVI. is inaugurated with the solemnity of the *Sacre*, at Rheims, 1775. There were two immense statues raised at the distance of a quarter of a league from the city, on this occasion, one representing *Religion*, holding in her left hand the crown, supported by the sacred code, and in her right hand, an olive branch; and the other *Justice*, with her balance; between whom the king passed upon his entrance.

Buonaparte seizes Malta, the *key of the Mediterranean*, which he garrisons, and proceeds with the fleet, carrying twenty thousand regular troops, to the Egyptian coast, where he arrived on the 1st of July, 1798.

He who knows not his way to the sea, should take a river as his companion.

Plautus.

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XII. JUNE.

When he whom even our joys provoke,
The Fiend of Nature join'd his yoke,
And rush'd in wrath to make our isle his prey;
Thy form, from out thy sweet abode,
O'ertook him on his blasted road,
And stopp'd his wheels, and look'd his rage away.---*Mercy.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Id. 12.	Thomas Firmin, 1632, *Ipswich.*	Maximus (*Emperor*), *murdered*, 455. (Tiber.) James III. (*of Scotland*), 1488. *stabbed, Beton Mill.* Adrian Turnebus, 1565. d. *Paris.* Sir Edward Sherburne, 1646. Thomas Farnaby, 1647. *Seven Oaks.* William Oughtred, 1660. James, Duke of Berwick, 1734. *killed, Philipsburg.* William Collins, 1759. *St. Andrew's, Chichester.* General Peter Augereau, 1816.

Gracefulness is an idea belonging to *posture* and *motion.* In both these, to be graceful, it is requisite that there be no appearance of difficulty. In this ease, this *roundness*, this delicacy of attitude and motion, it is that all the magic of grace consists, and what is called its *je ne sçai quoi*; as will be obvious to any observer who considers attentively the Venus de Medicis, the Antinous, or any statue generally allowed to be graceful in a high degree.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Basilides, Quirinus, and others *M. at Rome*, 4th Cent.
St. Onuphrius, *Hermit in Egypt*, 4th Century.
St. Fernan, *Bishop of the Picts*, 5th Century.
St. Eskill, *Bishop in Sweden*, *M.* 11th Century.
St. John, *Hermit in Spain*, 1479.

The motion of the *eye* contributes to its beauty, by continually shifting its direction; but a slow and languid motion is more beautiful than a brisk one: the latter is enlivening; the former lovely. What *coloured* eye shall please most, depends a good deal on particular fancies. *Burke.*

Every bird thinks his own nest handsome.—*French Phrase.*

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XII. JUNE.

No science pierce the darkness of their minds;
Sunk, and debas'd, their beauty beams no more.
The sun himself seems angry, to regard,
Of light unworthy, the degenerate race;
And fires them oft with pestilential rays:
While Earth, blue poison steaming on the skies,
Indignant, shakes them from her troubled sides.—*Liberty.*

Acts.

HERODOTUS recites his celebrated *History* at Athens, during the Olympic games, in his twenty-ninth year, 12th of Hecatombæon, B. C. 456. He had travelled with his work from Caria. Thucydides was then a boy: Æschylus died in that year; Cimon was recalled from exile; and the Athenians *complete* their long walls. This interesting literary circumstance is, however, placed by Corsini in the following year; when, according to *Eusebius*, "Empedocles et Parmenides, physici philosophi notissimi habentur. Zeno, et Heraclitus tenebrosus agnoscitur:"—Zeno was the inventor of logic and Empedocles of rhetoric.

Bibars, the Sultan of Syria, takes possession of Antioch, 1268. The Latin principality was extinguished, and the whole existence of the Franks was now confined to the city of Ptolemais.—*See 18th May.*

Owen Glendour, the last of the native Welsh princes, defeats and captures Sir Edmund Mortimer, at *Melienydd*, in Radnorshire, 1402.

The massacre in Paris at *night*, by the direction, if not under the eye of John, Duke of Burgundy, called the Fearless, 1418. Villaret relates, that in the course of three days, three thousand five hundred souls were sacrificed (with the Count of Armagnac) within their *cages;* that the streets and palace-yard flowed with the blood of these unhappy victims of a merciless faction. Henry V. with giant-strides, was *then* reducing Normandy.—Expenses of Joanna, the Queen-dowager, 1421: To Master Laurens, is paid for aqua-vitæ for the Queen, 2*s.* 8*d.*; to two serjeants, for pleading the matter of the Queen's dower, 6*s.* 8*d.*; to John Perse, for divers medicines for the Queen's body, 20*s.*; for one ounce of red thread, 1*s.* 5*d.*; for making a gown, 2*s.* 6*d.*

Henrietta Maria lands at Dover, conducted by the Duke of Buckingham, and is received there by Charles, surrounded by the English nobility (Sunday), 1625. The espousals were solemnized by *proxy*, on a platform erected before the cathedral at Paris, upon *May-day*, confirmed on the day following this in the cathedral of Canterbury, by their personal hands, and consummated (it is material) at Hampton Court.

The violet, Spring's little infant, stands
Girt in thy purple swaddling-bands.—*Lux.*

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XIII. JUNE.

Mirth laughing came; and running to me, flung
Her fat white arms about my neck; there hung,
Embrac'd and kiss'd me oft, and stroked my cheek,
Saying, she would no other lover seek.
I'll sing you songs, and please you every day,
Invent new sports to pass the time away:
I'll make your eyes with *mirth* to overflow:
With springing blood your cheeks soon fat shall grow.

Euphrosyne.

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
Idus. 13.	Cneius Julius Agricola, A. D. 40, *Frejus in Provence.* Adrian Baillet, 1649, *Neuville in Picardy.* Christopher Rawlinson, 1677, *Springfield.* Joseph Highmore, 1692, *Garlick Hithe, London.*	William, Lord Hastings, 1483. *beheaded, Tower.* Anthony Widvile, Earl Rivers, 1483. *beheaded, Pomfret.* Oliver Maillard, 1502. d. *Toulouse.* Patrick Lord Ruthven, 1566. John Sambucus, 1584. died, *Vienna.* Mark Welser, 1614. *Augsburg.* Henry Carey, Earl of Monmouth, 1661. Dr. William Annand, 1689. *Edinburgh.* James Worsdale, 1767. *Covent Garden.* Dr. William Battie, 1776. Simon Andrew Tissot, 1797. d. *Lausanne.* Richard Lovell Edgeworth, 1817. *Edgeworth's Town.* Charles Plowden, 1821. died, *Jougné.*

Her poor daughter, she said, crying, was wandering somewhere about the road—Why does my pulse beat languid as I write this? and what made La Fleur, whose heart seemed only to be turned to joy, to pass the back of his hand twice across his eyes, as the woman stood and told it? *Maria.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Damhanade, *Virgin in Ireland*, 6th Century.

St. Antony *of Padua*, d. 1231.

I am positive I have a *soul*; nor can all the books with which materialists have pestered the world ever convince me to the contrary. *Sterne.*

When such a brain as Tull would dally with the Muse he exceeds his province; —the passable grammarian is lost sight of in certain unmeaning juvenilities.—*Anon.*

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XIII. JUNE.

To rest, to rest! the herald of the day,
Bright Phosphorus, commands you hence; obey.
The moon is pale, and spent; and winged night
Makes headlong haste to fly the morning's sight:
Who now is rising from her blushing wars,
And with her rosy hand puts back the stars.—*Oberon.*

Acts.

THE *lesser* Quinquatria are celebrated upon the Mount Aventine, apparently adopted from the '*Panathenæa*' of the Greeks.—*See* 19*th March.* The festival of the *minstrels* (tibicines) was observed upon the ides of June, devoted to Minerva, as the inventress of the flute. Probably the day was devoted to histrionic and musical performances. There was a solemn procession of the pipers, masked and habited in long stoles.

Julius Cæsar embarks from *Utica*, upon terminating the African war; and four days after lands at Canales, in Sardinia. He weighed from thence for Rome, on the 28th of June, B. C. 46.—*See* 26*th July.*

The anniversary of the birth of *Julius Agricola*, during the third consulate of the Emperor Caligula. This great man was governor in Great Britain, and by doubling the *northern* point of Scotland, first discovered it to be an island. The historian Tacitus married his daughter.

In the agreement between the executors of Richard, Earl of Warwick, and the artisans employed in the execution of his private chapel at Warwick, is the following curious item, 1454: "William Austen, citizen and founder, of London, to make of *gilded latten*, fourteen images of lords and ladies, after fourteen patterns made of timber; also eighteen figures of angels; and a hearse to stand on the tomb above the principal image. For each of the first called *weepers*, 13*s.* 4*d.*; for each angel, 5*s.* and for each pound of latten in the hearse, 10*d.*

The five Penderells of *Boscobel*, attend King Charles at Whitehall, who *rewards* them for their loyalty, 1660.

A treaty is concluded at Madrid, with Great Britain, 1721. The ships employed for the traffic of Negroes by the Royal Company of Great Britain, were to be admitted, without hindrance, to trade freely.

Corsica is seized by the French, 1769. General Paoli fled, and embarked from Leghorn for *England*, where he remained until 1790.

George Lukins is dispossessed by seven clergymen of the same number of *devils*, in the Temple Church at Bristol, 1788.

Artes inter hæredes non dividi.—*Scitum Hispanicum.*

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XIV. JUNE.

A youth there is who frequent tries
With love my bosom to surprise:
In vain my court he daily haunts,
In vain his idle ditties chaunts;
Yet fears not to repeat his song
Both ev'ry day, and all day long:
While I tormented hide my face,
And blush myself for his disgrace.—*The Coquette.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVIII. Cal. Jul. 14.	Dr. John Mapletoft, 1631, *Margaret Inge.* They do best, who if they cannot but admit love, yet make it keep quarter, and sever it wholly from their serious affairs. I know not how, but martial men are given to love: I think it is but as they are given to wine; for perils commonly ask to be paid in pleasures.—*Bacon.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Rufinus and Valerius, *Martyrs at Soissons*, 3rd Century. St. Basil the Great, *Archbishop of Cæsarea, in Cappadocia*, 379. St. Docmael (or St. Toel), *of Pembrokeshire*, 6th Century. St. Nennus (or Nehemias), *Abbot in the Isle of Bute*, 7th Century. St. Psalmodius, *Hermit of Limoges*, 7th Century. St. Methodius, *Patriarch of Constantinople*, d. 846.	Archbishop (Simon) Sudbury, *beheaded*, 1381. Francis Garasse, 1631. died, *Poitiers.* Sir Humphrey Lynde, 1636. *Cobham.* John Marquis de Toiras, 1636. k. *Fontanette, in the Milanese.* Admiral Armand de Maillé, 1646. *killed, Orbitello.* Sir Henry Vane, 1662. *beheaded, Tower.* Dr. Ralph Bathurst, 1704. *Oxford.* Claude Fleury, 1723. Dicky Pearce (*the Fool*), 1728. *Berkeley.* James Villotte, 1743. d. *St. Nicholas, near Nanci.* Colin Maclaurin, 1746. died, *Scotland.* Prosper Marchand, 1756. died, *Hague.* General J. B. Kleber, 1800. *assassinated, Cairo.* General Louis Dessaix, 1800. *killed, Marengo.* (St. Bernard.)

The worse the lodging is, the more the love.—*Dryden.*

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XIV. JUNE.

Ambition, in the truly noble mind,
With sister Virtue is for ever join'd:
Her virtue long rebell'd in firm disdain,
And the sword pointed at her heart in vain;
But when the slave was threaten'd to be laid
Dead by her side, her love of fame obey'd.---*Lucrece.*

Acts.

THE Roman Republic is established, and the first *Consuls* are elected, according to the Capitoline marbles, A. U. C. 244, B. C. 510. This noble political fabrick subsisted for a period of four hundred and sixty-two years, until the battle of Pharsalia. Cicero has preserved the original law of the Comitia which subverted the tyranny and set up the commonwealth: "*Regio imperio duo sunto, iique præeundo, judicando, et consulendo, prætores, judices, consules, appellantur. Militiæ summum jus habento. Nemini parento. Ollis salus populi summa lex esto.*"

Schouten and Le Maire sail from the Island of the Texel, in the ships Concord and Horn, 1615. They doubled '*Cape Horn*,' the most southern point of America, the 31st of January, 1616.

Charles I. writes to his nephew, Prince Rupert, from Tickenhall, 1644. "If York be lost, I shall esteem my crown little less, unless supported by your sudden march to me, and a miraculous conquest in the south, before the effects of the northern power can be found here: but if York be relieved, and you beat the rebel armies of both kingdoms which are before it, then, but otherwise not, I may possibly make a shift (upon the defensive) to spin out time until you come to assist me: —(signed) Your loving 'Oncle' and most faithful friend!"

Prynne, with Drs. Burton and Bastwick, are condemned in the Star Chamber to lose their ears, to pay a fine of £5,000 each to the King, and to be imprisoned for life in the Castles of Carnarvon, Cornwall, and Lancaster, 1637. Sir John Finch *brutally* said: "Is that Mr. *Prynne*? I had thought Mr. Prynne had had no ears: but methinks he hath ears, and it is fit the court should take order that their decrees should be better executed, and see whether Mr. Prynne hath ears or no."

Cromwell's deadly victory over Rupert and the Royal cause at *Naseby*, 1645. The Congress of *Soissons*, 1728. Napoleon defeats the Austrians at *Marengo*, in Italy, 1800; and the Russians at *Friedland*, in Prussia, 1807. The *Sovereigns* are magnificently entertained in the Radcliffe Library, at Oxford, 1814. The 'London Orphan Asylum' *opens*, 1825.

I hate the lover who can dare, to be a rival to the fair.---*Clea.*

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XV. JUNE.

The most ungentle of his tribe was he;
No gen'rous precept ever touch'd his heart:
With concords false, and hideous prosody
He scrawl'd his task, and blunder'd o'er his part.
On barb'rous plunder bent, with savage eye
He mark'd where wrapt in down the younglins lay,
Then rushing seis'd the wretched family,
And bore them in his impious hands away.—*The Goldfinches.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVII. Cal. 15.	Edward *the Black Prince* (of Wales), 1330, *Woodstock.* Thomas Randolph, 1605, *Newnham.* Job Ludolf, 1624, *Erfurth.* Bernard de la Monnoye, 1641, *Dijon.* Anthony Francis de Fourcroy, 1755, *Paris.* If you happen to let the child fall, and lame it, be sure never confess it; and if it dies, all is safe.—*Directions to the Nurse.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Vitus (or Guy), Crescentia, and Modestus, *of Sicily, Ms.* 4th Century. St. Vauge (or Vorech), *Hermit in Cornwall*, d. 585. St. Landelin, *Abbot of Crespin, in France*, 686. St. Bernard (a Savoyard), of Menthon, *Founder of the Hospitals of St. Bernard*, 1008. Cardinal Gregory Lewis Barbadigo, *Bp. of Padua*, d. 1697.	Count Robert (*of Orleans*), *killed*, 922. Wat Tyler, 1381. *slain, Smithfield.* Philip the Good, (*of Burgundy*), 1467. d. *Bruges.* Giles Corrozet, 1568. d. *Paris.* John Udal, 1592. d. *in prison.* Bishop (Richard) Fletcher, 1596. *St. Paul's.* René Aubert de Vertot, 1735. d. *Paris.* James Short, 1768. *Newington Butts.* Pilatre de Rosier, *killed.* 1785. *Wymill, near Boulogne.* Freteau de St. Just, *guillotined*, 1793. Antoine Sabatier *de Castres*, 1817. *Paris.* The solicitude of peers to preserve or exalt their rank, is esteemed no other than a manly and becoming ambition: a similar care in commoners is deemed either vanity, formality, or pride. *Shenstone.*

In clothes I would have the fashion choose the man, and not the man the fashion.
King James.

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XV. JUNE.

Faith, milk-white Faith! of old belov'd so well,
Yet in this corner of the world doth dwell
With her pure sisters, Truth, Simplicity;
Here banish'd Honour bears them company:
A Mars-adoring brood is here; their wealth,
Sound minds, and bodies of as sound a health;
Walls here are men, who fence their cities more
Than Neptune, when he doth in mountains roar.---*Drummond.*

Acts.

HENRY, Prince of Wales (the eldest rebel-son of Henry II.), is inaugurated king, at Westminster, in his father's life-time, 1170.

Dante is chosen chief magistrate of his native city, 1300.

Martin Luther is excommunicated by a papal bull, 1520.

Charles V. makes his public entry into Augsburg, where the members of the Diet had assembled. The famous decree, called the *Confession of Augsburg*, drawn up by Melancthon, was then read, 1530.

Charles I. is entertained at Edinburgh with '*a magnificent spectacle*,' 1633. "At the approach of the King, the theatre (a curtain drawn) manifested *Mercury*, in his feathered hat and his caduceus, with a hundred and seven Scottish kings, which he had brought from the Elysian Fields; Fergus the First had a speech in Latin."

This was the birthday of Martha Blount (anglicè *Patty*) the *penchant* and legatee of the bard of *Twittenham*.

Abel Jansen Tasman, the Dutch navigator, arrives at Batavia, after having sailed round the southern side of the globe, 1643. He started on the 5th of September, 1642, and *discovered* Van Dieman's Land, with the Island of New Zealand, which he called *Staten Island*.

The battle of *Placentia*, between the allies and Spaniards, 1746.

Anson arrives at *Spithead* after a voyage of three years and nine months, round the world, 1744. The treasures of the famous Acapulco galleon were conveyed to London in thirty-two waggons, "with music playing, and amidst the shouts of the rejoicing populace; and the booty was divided among those brave men who had shared his glory and his toils."

The Nabob Surajah Dowla invests Calcutta at the head of 70,000 horse and foot with four hundred elephants, 1756.

A memorable eruption of Mount Vesuvius, ten at night, 1794.

The *New London Bridge* is founded with great ceremony, 1825.

The man who has not any thing to boast of but his illustrious ancestors, is like a potato—the only good belonging to him is under ground.

Sir Thomas Overbury.

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XVI. JUNE.

Only the house of Chivalry (howe'er
The inner parts and store be full, yet here
In that which gentry should sustain) decay'd:
Those obelisks and columns broke, and down,
That struck the stars, and rais'd the British crown
To be a constellation: shields and swords,
Cobwebb'd and rusty; not a helm affords
A spark of lustre, which were wont to give
Light to the world, and made the nation live.—*Jonson.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XVI. Cal. 16.	Edward I. (*of England*), 1239. Sir John Cheke, 1514, *Cambridge.* Louis Duke of Saint-Simon, 1675, *Paris.* Henrietta Stuart, (*Duchess of Orleans*), 1644, *Exeter.*	Bishop (Hugh) de Balsam, 1286. *Ely.* John de la Pole, Earl of Lincoln, 1487. *killed, Stoke.* Sixtus Betuleius, 1554. died, *Augsburg.* Lewis Capellus, 1658. died, *Saumur.* Sir Richard Fanshawe, 1666. d. *Madrid.* (Ware.) Sir Tristram Beresford, 1701. Lewis Ellis Dupin, 1719. *Paris.* John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, 1722. d. *Windsor Lodge.* (Westminster Abbey.) Edward, Earl of Oxford, 1741. Bishop (Joseph) Butler, 1752. d. *Bath.* (Bristol.) J. B. Gresset, 1777. d. *Amiens.*

Religion in its very nature presupposes, in all those who will embrace it, a certain degree of integrity and honesty; which it was intended to try whether men have or not, and to exercise, in such as have it, in order to its improvement.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Ferreolus (or Fargeau), and Ferrutius, *Martyrs at Besançon*, 212.

Sts. Quiricus (or Cyr), *Patron of Nevers*, and Julitta of Iconium, *Martyrs at Tarsus*, 305.

St. Aurelian, *Archbishop of Arles*, d. 552.

St. John Francis Regis, *of Languedoc*, of the Society of Jesus, 1640.

Therefore the question is not at all, whether the evidence of religion be satisfactory; but, whether it be, in reason, sufficient to prove and discipline that virtue which it presupposes? Now the evidence of it is fully sufficient for all those purposes of probation. *Butler.*

It is *that* which all ages and all countries have made profession of in public; it is *that* of which every man you meet puts on the show. *Bishop Butler.*

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XVI. JUNE.

The earth unplough'd shall yield her crop,
Pure honey from the oak shall drop,
The fountain shall run milk:
The thistle shall the lily bear,
And every bramble roses wear,
And every worm make silk.—*Pallas.—The Golden Age.*

Acts.

THE METOIKIA were celebrated at Athens upon the sixteenth of Hecatombæon, to commemorate the union, by Theseus, of the scattered families of Attica into a commonwealth, about B. C. 1200. These festivals were under the protection of the goddess Pallas, or Minerva.

The great Egyptian festival of *Apis*, or *Mneuis*, during seven days.

The deposition of Arzema, Queen of Persia, "the sixth of the transient usurpers, who had arisen and vanished in three or four years, since the death of Chosroes, and the defeat of Heraclius." Her tiara was placed on the head of YESDEGIRD, the grandson of Chosroes (a youth of fifteen), *nine days* after the death of Mahomet; and the same ÆRA, which coincided with an *astronomical period* (completing the *twelfth* cycle of one hundred and twenty years each), records the fall of the Sassanian dynasty, and the religion of Zoroaster, B. C. 632. This famous æra, as amended by the Sultan Geladeddin Shah, is now in use by the Parsees of India, some of the provinces beginning the year in September, and others in October.—*See 15th March.*

The anniversary of the birth of Edward I. called the *English Justinian.* In 1285, Ela, Countess of Warwick, held the manor of Hoke-norton, in Oxfordshire, by the sergeantry of *carving at the King's table on his birthday;* and she was to have the *knife* the King then used at table.

The celebrated battle of *Stoke*, 1487. Lambert Simnel received the King's pardon, and was made a scullion in the royal kitchen, and afterwards a *falconer*, in reward of his good conduct.—*See 2d May.*

The States-General of France form themselves into the National Assembly, 1789.—Joseph Buonaparte is proclaimed King of Spain, 1808. "Your princes," said Napoleon, "have ceded to me their rights to the crown of Spain. Your nation is old; my *mission* is to restore its youth."

An earthquake near *Poonah*, in the East Indies, which swallowed up a large district, and more than two thousand persons, 1819.

The Turkish imperial corps of guards, called the *Janizaries*, are defeated and *abolished*, 1826. This military body, consisting of trained captives, was first instituted in 1362, by the third Amurath.

That dog shall be tied up with a chain four cubits long, which hath bit any body. *Laws of Solon.*

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XVII. JUNE.

For natural affection soon doth cease,
And quenched is with Cupid's greater flame;
But faithful friendship doth them both suppress,
And them with mastering discipline doth tame,
Through thoughts aspiring to eternal fame.
For as the soul doth rule the earthly mass,
And all the service of the body frame;
So love of soul doth love of body pass,
No less than perfect gold surmounts the meanest brass.—*Spenser.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
xv. Cal. 17.	St. Joseph, *of Cupertino*, 1603. Lewis Ellis Dupin, 1657, *Paris.* John Wesley, 1703, *Epworth.* Cæsar Cassini de Thury, 1714, *Paris.*	William Bathe, 1614. *Madrid.* Andrew Allam, 1685. *Oxford.* Sobieski John III. (*of Poland*), 1696. d. *Warsaw.* Joseph Addison, 1719. d. *Holland House.* (Westminster Abbey.) Louis Hector Duke de Villars, 1734. d. *Turin.* Sir William Wyndham, 1740. d. *Wells.* Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, 1791. Henry Tresham, 1814.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see His wonders in the deep. They mount up to heaven, they go down again to the depths, their soul is melted because of trouble.—*David.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Nicander and Marcian, *Martyrs*, c. 303.
St. Prior, *Hermit in Egypt*, 4th Century.
St. Avitus (or Avy), *Abbot near Orleans*, c. 530.
St. Botulph, *of England*, *Abbot*, 655.
St. Molingus (or Dairchilla), *Bishop of Ferns*, d. 697.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man; and are at their wit's ends. Then they cry unto Him in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then they are quiet because He bringeth them unto their desired haven.—*Hymns of David.*

Let such, such only, tread this sacred floor,
Who dare to love their country, and be poor.—*Pope's Grotto.*

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XVII. JUNE.

Within whose silent chambers treasure lies
Preserv'd from age to age; more precious far
Than that accumulated store of gold
The Sultan hides against a day of need.
These hoards of sweets you can unlock at will:
And music waits upon your skilful touch.—*Books.*

Acts.

THE seventeenth of *Thammug* was a Hebrew fast in memory of the Tables of the Law, which were broken by Moses.—*Exodus* xxxii. 15.

The waters of the Nile begin to swell in Abyssinia.—*See 29th June.*

The dictator, Tubertus Posthumius, *triumphs* over the Æqui and Volsci, inconsiderable but noxious enemies of the commonwealth, B. C. 431.

Robert Guiscard opens the famous siege of *Durazzo*, A. D. 1081.

Edward I. is assassinated in his tent at Acre, by the emir of Joppa's messenger, three o'clock in the afternoon, Whit Friday, 1272. He received the blow on the arm, grappled with the assassin, and throwing him on the ground, despatched him with his own dagger. The *sequel* is recorded on a banner of crimson silk, with small glowing characters, in the far-renowned Castilian Temple of Romance.—*See 4th January.*

James I. holds a parliament and convocation at Edinburgh, 1617.—"I have nothing more at heart (said the King) than to reduce your barbarity to the *sweet civility* of your neighbours: and if the Scots will be as docible to learn the goodness of the English, as they are teachable to limp after their ill, then I shall not doubt of success; for they have already learnt of the English to drink healths, to *wear* coaches and gay clothes, to take tobacco, and to speak a language which is neither English nor Scottish." *The Kentish folk are the civilest in the isle!*

The *acquittal* of the SEVEN BISHOPS, who had been committed to the Tower for presenting to the King (James II.) a *petition* against his *declaration* which dispensed with all the Catholic test laws, as well as the official oaths of *allegiance and supremacy*, 1688. In was, justly, a day of triumph. The pious Bishop Ken was one of the *glorious seven.*

The first English "*Navigation Canal,*" extending from Worsley to Manchester, is *opened*, 1761. It originated with Scroope, Duke of BRIDGEWATER, called *the father of inland navigation* in England.

The Anniversary of the *Roxburgh Club* instituted in 1812, "to commemorate the enormous value of a worthless edition of the *Decameron.*"

The Royal Society of Literature now first assembles, 1823.

He who can what he will is a fortunate man:
He is wiser and greater who wills what he can.—*Weisse.*

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Advanc'd in view they stand; a horrid front,
Awaiting what command their mighty chief
Had to impose: He through the armed files
Darts his experienc'd eye, and soon traverse
The whole battalion views, their order due,
Their visages and stature as of gods;
Their number last he sums. And now his heart
Distends with pride, and hardening in his strength
Glories: for never, since created man,
Met such imbodied force. *Paradise Lost.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIV. Cal. 18.	Lysias, B. C. 458, *Athens.* *Robert Stewart*, Marquess of Londonderry, A. D. 1769.	Caliph Othman, A. D. 655. *assassinated, Medina.* Leo III. (*Emperor*), 741. Bishop (Thomas) Bilson, 1616. *Westminster Abbey.* Dr. William Rawley, 1667. d. *Landbeach.* Francis Pourfour, 1741. d. *Paris.* A. Philips, 1749. *Audley Chapel.* Gerard Van-Swieten, 1772. d. *Schoenbrunn, Vienna.* Arthur Murphy, 1805. died, *Knightsbridge.* *General* Sir Thomas Picton, 1815. *killed, Waterloo.* Isaac Benedict Prévost, 1819. d. *Montauban.* Dr. C. Hague, 1821. *Cambridge.* James Carmichael Smyth, 1821. William Coombe, 1823. died, *Lambeth Road.*

Wherefore this sorrow? Are we ignorant of our common fate? Why bear with impatience what we have ever expected? Why revolt against the law of necessity, since Death is equal to the hero and to the coward, neither overlooking the villain in contempt, nor sparing, in admiration of his character, the man of highest virtue?—*Lysias.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

Sts. Marcus and Marcellinus, *twin-brothers and Martyrs at Rome*, 286.

St. Amand, *Bishop of Bourdeaux*, 5th Century.

St. Marina, *V. of Bithynia*, 8th Century.

St. Elizabeth, *V. Abbess of Sconauge, in Germany*, d. 1165.

Victory is the fairest monument of liberty, and proves that a handful of freemen contending for their rights, is more powerful than a host of slaves labouring with infamy to infringe them.—*Lysias.*

For what time, what orator, or what panegyrick, is sufficient to display the virtue of those who lie interred here? *Lysias' Funeral Oration.*

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XVIII. JUNE.

Lo! where the Giant on the mountain stands,
His blood-red tresses deepening in the sun,
With death-shot glowing in his fiery hands,
And eye that scorcheth all it glares upon;
Restless it rolls, now fix'd, and now anon
Flashing afar,—and at his iron feet
Destruction cowers to mark what deeds are done.—*Battle.*

Acts.

THE tops of the mountains are first seen by the inhabitants of the ark, seventy-four days from the *resting* of the vessel.—*See 5th April.*

An Athenian festival called the *Cronia* was observed during the month Cronius (Hecatombæon) in memory of *Saturn*, called Cronus by the Greeks.

The great Hindoo festival of the Rutt Juttra is commemorated at the town of Juggernaut in Orissa, once a separate kingdom, but now a province of Hindostan. His sable highness, being turreted upon a car sixty feet high, his wide wooden mouth "besmeared with blood," is produced exactly at noon to the *countless* pilgrims, many of whom (one tenth at least) devote their miserable lives beneath his chariot wheels. It is reserved for Christianity to scatter to the winds the rites of the arch-idol, *Juggernaut*, as oppressive to the *helpless* as they are *disgusting* to humanity.

The birth of *Lysias* took place upon or near this day, in the seventh year of the Messenian, and the third of the Egyptian war. The "*Agamemnon*" of Æschylus was produced in the same year, B. C. 458.

The conflagration of Rome, attributed by Nero to the *Christians*, which was the ostensible cause of the first persecution, A. D. 64. It is scarcely possible to conjecture how a great city, at that moment the seat,—the asphaltic "*common sewer*" of unblushing infamy, could have *escaped* some extraordinary and terrible judgment! Although probably effected by the warning voice of Providence, an infinite multitude of the first human depositaries since the flood of aboriginal virtue were innocently condemned and punished at the will of that imperial calf: some were sewed in the skins of wild beasts, and torn by dogs, or fastened upon crosses; the greater part were thrown upon the pile, and when the *days* of this civic festival of *atonement* had failed, the proto-martyrs of our holy faith were burned like lumps of naphtha, *to give light.*—*See 24th June.*

The forces of Pope Leo IX. are routed by Robert Guiscard, the Norman, at Civitella, 1053. The adventurers exacted from their reverend captive the *investiture* of the kingdom of *Naples*, those provinces in Apulia and Calabria, which they had acquired (and have retained) by the sword.

To cast away and consume is soon learned, but to give in good order few have the skill. *Raleigh.*

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XVIII. JUNE.

He was a Man (then boldly dare to say)
In whose rich soul the virtues well did suit,
In whom, so mix'd, the elements all lay,
That none to one could sovereignty impute,
As all did govern, yet all did obey;
He of a temper was so absolute,
As that it seem'd, when Nature him began,
She meant to show all that might be in man.—*Drayton.*

Acts.

EDWARD II. marches with his vast army from Berwick, 1314.

The celebrated battle of *Patray*, and defeat of the brave Talbot, by Joan of Arc, Saturday, 1429: "one thousand five hundred valourous men in arms were slain, one thousand made prisoners, and among these were some persons of note, such as Earl Talbot, Falstaff, and the son of the Earl of Bedford, besides divers others: yet of ours, not three men were found wounded, which we deemed to be owing to a divine miracle. These, and many more, hath the maiden already defeated, and, by the aid of God, will she yet effect still greater deeds. *The damsel is of a comely figure; she performeth manly actions, speaketh but little, manifesteth great discretion, and in her speech and conversation, hath a delicate voice, like as is wont to be that of a woman. She eateth but little, tasteth not much of wine, and is expert in the accoutrements of horses and arms. She hath great admiration of soldiers, and those of noble rank; in pleasing, she delighteth greatly; and so patient and unwearied is she of bearing armour, that she remaineth six days long, both day and night, fully accoutred in mail.*" It was in this conflict that the notable *Sir John Falstaff*, considering within himself whether discretion is not the better part of valour, dropped his *thirsty lance*, and fairly ran away.

The treaty of truce for ten years between the Emperor Charles V. and Francis the French King is signed at *Nice*, 1538.

Cardinal Wolsey presents to his royal patron the palace of *Hampton Court* (originally founded by Sir Rowland Lenthall), 1525.

Hampden is wounded mortally in the shoulder by a pistol-shot at the battle of *Chalgrave Field*, in Oxfordshire, 1643.—*See 24th June.*

The exiled Bishop Atterbury sails from the Tower, 1723.

St. Bride's *steeple* is severely shattered by a storm, 1764.

Otaheitee thought to be the *Sagittaria* of Quiros is discovered by Captain Wallis, called by him, "George the Third's Island," 1767.

One wise head is of more value than a great many hands.—*Euripides.*

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XVIII. JUNE.

And in the midst thereof, one precious stone
Shaped like a Lady's head, exceeding shone,
Like Hesperus amongst the lesser lights,
And strove for to amaze the weaker sights;
Thereby, his mortal blade full comely hung
In ivory sheath, ycarv'd with curious slights;
Whose hilts were burnish'd gold, and handle strong
Of mother-pearl, and buckled with a golden tongue.—*Arthur.*

Acts.

THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO. This is *one* of a series of victories, and as it was, happily, the last, so is it the greatest, and certainly the most brilliant of *all* the laurelled and feathered triumphs that yet have been achieved by the British Bellona; whether we regard the *cause*, the downfall of a gigantic TYRANNY which, like an incubus, oppressed, and vampire-like, drained the healthy blood of Europe; or the *means*, a vigilance, mental presence, and dexterity, the HERO's triple Virtue, supported by steady courage, the patriot's flame, and by those *companions*, each of whom felt an Alexander at his *heart*, and the death in his *hand*; or whether we consider the *result* of this great national day, that state of PEACE, in which the four mistresses of the earth are at present reposing, just and noiseless, as the heaven-directed planets in their courses. There is something of romance in the notion of Plutarch, that the destruction of those to whom their country is most obliged is *necessary* to perfect their happiness; as if every great character was merely a puppet of fortune, and their valuable places were to be supplied by the *dibble!* It was surely a higher sentiment of the Grecian apologuer, that "*Death is most unfortunate in the time of prosperity.*" Where is the *veteran* to be found so dead to fame, who is not annually rigged and burnished in the glass of his "*reputation?*" The fire-spurred laurel ever looks green: the marigold still bends to the sun.

The civic banquet of the *Sovereigns* at Guildhall, 1814. The Prince Regent opens *Waterloo Bridge*, in the Stand, built by Rennie, 1817.

The colossal statue of Achilles, cast from French cannon, dedicated by their "*countrywomen to* ARTHUR, DUKE OF WELLINGTON, *and his brave companions in arms,*" was placed in Hyde Park upon this day, 1822, by the express command of departed majesty.—*See 26th June.*

None but the brave deserve the fair.—*The Master Ode.*

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XIX. JUNE.

To consider the world as a dungeon, and the whole human race as so many criminals doomed to execution, is the idea of an enthusiast; to suppose the world to be a seat of delight, where we are to expect nothing but pleasure, is the dream of a Sybarite; but to conclude that the earth, man, and the lower animals are all of them subservient to the purposes of an unerring Providence, is, in my opinion, the system of a wise and good man.—*Pascal.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XIII. Cal. 19.	*Charles* James I. (*of Great Britain*), 1566, *Edinburgh Castle.* Blaise Pascal, 1623, *Clermont, in Auvergne.* Philip Limborch, 1633, *Amsterdam.* The duration of flame depends upon an easy supply of the nourishment: so, in the court of England, there is a service they call '*All-night*;' being a kind of a great cake, *of wax*, with a wick in the middle.—*Bacon.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Gervasius and Protasius, *twin-brothers and Martyrs*, (Titular Saints of) *Milan*, 1st Century. St. Die (or Deodatus), *Bishop of Nevers*, d. 679, or 680. St. Boniface, *Archbishop and* Apostle of Russia, *M.* 1009. St. Juliana Falconieri, *V.* 1340.	St. Romuald, 1027. *died, Ancona.* Piers Gaveston, 1312. *executed, Gaversike.* (Langley.) Bishop (Ezekiel) Hopkins, 1690. d. *Aldermanbury.* Dr. William Sherlock, 1707. d. *Hampstead.* (St. Paul's.) Isaac Papin, 1709. d. *Paris.* Nicholas Lemery, 1715. d. *Paris.* William Hay, 1755. Sir Joseph Banks, 1820. died, *Spring Grove.* The glow-worm breeds chiefly in the hottest summer months; and not in open champaigns, but in bushes and hedges; whence, perhaps, their spirit is very fine; and, by reason of the fineness, it may readily exhale. The *Italian* fly, called lucciole, that shines as the glow-worm, and are only seen in the heat of summer, is chiefly found in fens and sedges.—*Bacon.*

Those eyes which neither wink too much, nor are too intent, indicate the most excellent manners. *Aristoteles.*

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XIX. JUNE.

You saw the racking pang, the ghastly form,
The lip pale quivering, and the beamless eye,
No more with ardour bright: you heard the groans,
Of agonizing ships, from shore to shore;
Heard nightly plung'd amid the sullen waves
The frequent corse, while on each other fix'd,
In sad presage, the blank assistants seem'd,
Silent, to ask whom fate would next demand.---*Carthagena.*

Acts.

KING JOHN subscribes MAGNA CHARTA, or the Great Charter of liberties, which is the basis and palladium of British freedom, upon this day, at *Runny-mead*, a meadow so named on the banks of the Thames, between Staines and Windsor (now the Egham race-course), *Trinity Friday*, 1215. "On the one side, stood Fitz-Walter, and the majority of the barons and nobility of England: on the other sate the King, accompanied by eight bishops, Pandulf the papal envoy, and fifteen gentlemen; these attended as his trusty advisers." This memorable instrument was *ratified* four times by Henry III. (the son and successor of John), twice by Edward I., fifteen times by Edward III., seven times by Richard II., six times by Henry IV., and once by Henry V.—*See* 11*th February.* "Most of the provisions expired with that system for which they were calculated; but at the time they were highly useful. They checked the most galling abuses of feudal superiority; they gave a new tone to English legislation; they justified resistance to the encroachments of despotism, and in subsequent struggles with the crown, pointed to determinate objects the efforts of the nation."

"An interlude, entitled the tragedy of *Richard the Third*, wherein is shown the death of Edward the Fourth, with the smothering of the two princes in the Tower, with the lamentable end of Shore's wife, and the contention of the two houses of Lancaster and York," is entered at Stationers' Hall, by Thomas Creede, a printer, 1594. It contains one grave line *quoted* by *Hamlet*, with a slight and pleasant alteration: *The 'croaking' raven doth 'bellow' for revenge.*—The writer was probably a puffed witling of the *Red Bull*—the Physignathus of Chick Lane.

Admiral Vernon seizes the *castles* of Carthagena, in Terra Firma, 1741. They were afterwards compelled to abandon the siege from *pestilence.*

The tenth (and first Summer) month, *Messidor*, of the French Republican year began, when the sun enters the sign *Cancer*, according to the Roman calendar; but with us, two days later.—*See* 21*st June.*

Happy when both to the same centre move,
When kings give liberty, and subjects love.---*Denham.*

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Then in his hood I saw there faces twain,
That one was lean and like a pined ghost,
That other looked as he would me have slain.
I saw a knife hid in his one sleeve,
Whereon was written this word *mischief*.
And in his other sleeve, methought I saw
A spoon of gold, full of honey sweet,
To feed a fool, and to prey a daw;
And in that sleeve these words were wrote:
A false abstract cometh from a false concrete.—Skelton.

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XII. Cal. 20.	Sir Henry Sidney, 1529, *Penshurst?* Dr. George Hickes, 1642, *Newsham.* James Erskine, Lord Alva, 1722, *Edinburgh.* Dr. Adam Ferguson, 1723, *Logierait.* Theophilus Lindsey, 1723, *Middlewich.* Anna Letitia Barbauld, 1743, *Thibworth.* The Political Liar can wash a blackamoor white; can make a saint of an atheist; and a patriot of a profligate.—*Swift.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Sylverius, Pope, *Martyr (starved), at Palmaria*, 538. St. Gobain, of Ireland, *Priest and Martyr*, (after) 656. St. Idaberga (or Edburge), *Virgin of England*, 7th Century. St. Bain, *Bishop of Terouanne (now St. Omer)*, c. 711.	Louis I. the Feeble (*Emperor*), 840. d. *Island on the Rhine.* Bp. Adalbert, 981. d. *Presburg.* Sir Archibald Douglas, 1333. *killed, Halidon Hill.* Thomas, Lord D'Arcy, *beheaded*, 1538. *St. Botolph's.* Henry Percy, 8th Earl of Northumberland, 1585. *murdered, Tower.* William Cavendish, 2d Earl of Devonshire, 1628. *Derby.* Henrietta Stuart (*Duchess of Orleans*), 1670. d. *St. Cloud.* Sir Thomas Armstrong, *ex.* 1684. Edward Ward, 1731. *St. Pancras.* John George Keysler, 1743. d. *Hanover.* Charles Frederick Abel, 1787. Felix Vicq D'Azir, 1794. died, *Paris.* Women have more strength in their looks, than we have in our laws; and more power by their tears, than we have by our arguments.—*Saville.*

Perpetual aiming at wit, a very bad part of conversation. It is done to support a character; it generally fails. *Swift.*

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XX. JUNE.

Our death-feud was not like the household fire,
Which the poor peasant hides among its embers,
To smoulder on, and wait a time for waking.
Ours was the conflagration of the forest,
Which, in its fury, spares nor sprout, nor stem,
Hoar oak, nor sapling—not to be extinguish'd,
Till Heav'n, in mercy, sends down all her waters.
But, once subdued, its flame is quench'd for ever.

Halidon Hill.

Acts.

A ROMAN temple to Pluto *Summanus*, king of the dead, and thunderer of the *night*; erected by the citizens during the wars with Pyrrhus.

The illustrious John Chrysostom is banished from his patriarchate to the remote and desolate town of Cucusus, among the ridges of Mount Taurus, by a command of the Empress Eudoxia, A. D. 404. The day of this his final exile, was marked by the conflagration of the cathedral, of the senate-house, and of the adjacent buildings, and by the destruction of the incomparable statues of the *Muses*, from the temple of Helicon.

The translation of the body of *Saint Edward*.—See 18th March.

The battle of *Halidon Hill*, 1333. The Regent of Scotland, six earls, and many barons, fell in the field: the fugitives were pursued by King Edward and a party of horse, on the one side, and by the Lord Darcy and his Irish auxiliaries on the other: and the slaughter is said to have exceeded that of any former defeat. The surrender of Berwick, by the Earl of March, immediately followed. "The Scottish wars are ended," said a public voice, "since no one of that nation remains having interest enough to raise an army, or skill sufficient to command one."

Richard II. grants the name and style of Earl Marshal of England, to the *heirs male* of Thomas Bigod, Lord Mowbray (then Earl of Nottingham), upon this day, 1396: the office was renewed by James I. for *the life* of Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel and Surrey (and afterwards of Norfolk), the 29th of August, 1622; and Charles II. bestowed the *inheritance* of this high dignity in favour of Henry, Lord Howard, of Castle-Rising (Earl of Norwich, and afterwards *Duke* of Norfolk), by letters, patent, dated the 19th of October, 1672.—*See* 12*th February*.

The separate treaty between Charles V. and Pope Clement VII. is concluded at *Barcelona*, 1529. The Black-hole incarceration, 1756.

As Pelopidas was departing for the army, his wife, who followed him to the door, besought him, with tears, to *take care of himself*; "My dear," he answered, "private persons are to be advised to take care of themselves, but persons in a public character to take care of others."—*Apophthegms.*

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XX. JUNE.

To cure the mind's wrong bias, spleen,
Some recommend the bowling-green;
Some hilly walks; all, exercise;
Fling but a stone, the giant dies;
Laugh and be well. Monkeys have been
Extreme good doctors for the spleen;
And kitten, if the humour hit,
Has harlequin'd away the fit.—*Green.*

Acts.

Sir Edward Coke, after the conviction and execution of Garnet, and the rest of the *gunpowder conspirators*, is promoted from the office of Attorney-general to the Chief-Justiceship of the Common Pleas, 1606. Bacon received, at the same time, the appointment of *Solicitor-general*, probably as a *toged consul*, for secret services rendered to the King of Scotland. Sir Edward Coke was of another faction, and no *friend* of the philosopher, as the following valuable letter, written about this time to the former will explain: "Mr. Attorney, I thought it best, once for all, to let you know in plainness, what I find of you, and what you shall find of me. You take to yourself a liberty to disgrace and disable my law, my experience, my discretion: what it pleaseth you, I pray, think of me: I am one that knows both my own wants and other men's; and it may be, perchance, that mine mend, others' stand at a stay; and surely, I may not endure in public place to be wronged, without repelling the same. You are great, and therefore have the more enviers, which would be glad to have you paid at another's cost. Since the time I missed the Solicitor's place (the rather I think by your means), I cannot expect that you and I shall ever serve as Attorney and Solicitor together; *but either to serve with another* [*Sir Henry Hobart, author of the 'Law Reports'*] *upon your remove*, or to step into some other course. I write not this to show my friends what a brave letter I have written to Mr. Attorney. I have none of those humours; but that I have written is to a good end; that is, to the more decent carriage of my *master's service*, and to our particular better understanding one of another. This letter, if it shall be answered by you, in deed and not in word, I suppose it will not be worse for us both: else it is but a few lines lost; which for a much smaller matter, I would have adventured. So this being to yourself, I for my part rest."—*See 25th October.*

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath; neither give place to the devil. *St. Paul to the Ephesians.*

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Then Cheerfulness, a nymph of healthiest hue,
Her bow across her shoulder flung,
Her buskins gemm'd with morning dew,
Blew an inspiring air, that dale and thicket rung.
Satyrs and sylvan boys were seen,
Peeping from forth their alleys green.
Brown Exercise rejoic'd to hear,
And Sport leapt up, and seiz'd his beechen spear.—*Ode.*

Arts.

Sir Anthony Weldon, a son of the clerk of the *kitchen* to Queen Elizabeth, and so well known for the splenetic roughness of his *goose-quill*, accompanied King James upon his visit to the northern metropolis, in the character of clerk of the Board of *Green Cloth*. This day he addressed to a friend (cook?) in London, his famous *libel* upon the Scottish nation, dated Leith, near Edinburgh, 1617, which is preserved in the Kennet collection among the Lansdowne MSS. The picture of his Royal *master*, in "The Court and Character of King James," published 1650, is indeed a *curiosity*, but characteristic and to the life. "He was very temperate in his exercises and diet, and not intemperate in his *drinking*. It is true he drank very often, and of the strongest kind of drink, but it was rather out of a *custom*, than any delight."

Charles I. grants the territory (now the State) of *Maryland*, so called in compliment to his Queen, to Cecil, second Lord Baltimore, as parcel of Windsor Manor, with a reservation, annually, of two Indian arrows, to be presented on *Easter Tuesday* at the Castle, where they may be seen, 1632.

Died *miserably*, Richard Brandon, the hereditary hangman, and the hireling *tool* who beheaded Charles I. and the Earl of Strafford. He was interred in Whitechapel churchyard the next day, amidst execrations and vulgar insults which he could not feel, 1649.

The church of St. George, Hanover Square, is founded, 1712.

Commodore Anson captures the rich *galleon* near Manilla, 1743.

The great *sea serpent* was observed at Plymouth, in the United States, 1815. Its extension above the surface of the water was more than a hundred feet, and the head appeared to be about six or eight feet long. The serpentine animal, noticed in the Norway Seas, is of much greater proportions, with large blue eyes "which looked like a couple *of bright pewter plates.*" It would astonish the *learned*, to find Old Nereus at Exeter Change. Wordsworth may yet have more than a 'glimpse' of *Proteus*, for having spoken so handsomely of one of his daughters.

Though that his joy be joy, yet throw such changes of vexation on't, as it may lose some colour.—*Iago.*

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XXI. JUNE.

With that came *Riot* rushing all at once,
A rustic garland to-ragged and to-rent:
And on the board he whirl'd a pair of bones,
Quatre, trey, deuce, he clatter'd as he went;
Now have at all by Saint Thomas of Kent.
Then I beheld how he disguised was,
His head was heavy for watching over night,
His eyne bleared, his face shone like a glass,
His hose was guarded with a list of green,
Yet at the knee they were broken, I ween.---*Shelton.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
XI. Cal. 21.	Anthony Collins, 1676, *Heston.*	Thales, B. C. 546. d. *Olympia.* (Miletus.)
	Popeliniere has well observed, that the forces of princes by sea are *marques de grandeux d'Estate:* for whosoever commands the sea, commands the trade: whosoever commands the trade of the world, commands the riches of the world, and consequently the world itself. *Raleigh.*	Edward III. (*of England*), 1377. d. *Shene, Richmond.* (Westminster.)
		John Skelton, 1529. *St. Margaret's, Westminster.*
		Captain John Smith, 1631.
		Sir Inigo Jones, 1652. *St. Paul's Wharf.*
		John Lindsay, 1768. *Islington.*
		William (Alderman) Beckford, 1770.
	Obits *of the Latin Church.*	John Hutchins, 1773. *Wareham.*
	St. Eusebius, *Bishop of Samosata, M.* 379, or 380.	George Juan *y Santacilia*, 1774. d. *Cadiz.*
	St. Aaron, *Abbot in Britany*, 6th Century.	John Armstrong, 1797. died, *London.*
	St. Meen, Mevennus (also Melanus), *Abbot in Britany*, c. 617.	Andrew Peter, Count Bernstoff, 1797. *Denmark.*
	St. Leufredus (*in French* Leufroi), *Abbot*, 738.	Daniel Lambert, 1809. died, *Stamford.*
	St. Ralph, *Archbishop of Bourges*, d. 866.	John Frederick Tischbein, 1812. d. *Heidelberg.*
	St. Aloysius (or Lewis Gonzaga), d. *Rome*, 1591.	Gilbert, Earl of Minto, 1814.
		Jeremiah Joyce, 1816. *Cheshunt.*
		Dr. Martin Wall, 1824. died, *Oxford.*

And by his side his whynard and his pouch
The devil might dance therein for any crouch.---*Riot.*

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XXI. JUNE.

O Greece! thou sapient nurse of finer arts!
Which to bright Science blooming Fancy bore,
Be this thy praise, that thou, and thou alone,
In these hast led the way, in these excell'd,
Crown'd with the laurel of assenting time.
In thy full language, speaking mighty things;
Like a clear torrent close, or else diffus'd
A broad majestic stream, and rolling on
Through all the winding harmony of sound.—*Liberty.*

Acts.

THE SUMMER SOLSTICE is the *central* point of the tropic (*trepo*, to turn), which begins upon the festival of *Barnaby bright*, and continues for three weeks. The *sun* (speaking in the figurative language of the Greeks), while doubling the narrow bounds of his oval passage, appears to *stand still*, the days are nearly of equal duration, and the *longest* of the year. —*See* 21*st December*. In Sweden, Russia, and even in the North of Scotland, scarcely any night is perceived, the sun only seeming to dip for an hour or two beneath the horizon. According to Olympiodorus, an Egyptian of the fifth century, the rising of the Dog-star was just twenty days after the estival 'sunsted.'—*See* 3*d July*.

The OLYMPIAD. This famous epoch, by which the Greeks computed their time, was composed of *four years*, the interval elapsing between the celebration at *Olympia*, in Elis, of their great national *Games*, a martial institution of Hercules, B. C. 1222, revived by Lycurgus, B. C. 884. The first Olympiad began one hundred and eight years after the re-establishment of those games, when Corœbus, a courier of Elis, obtained the prize, B. C. 776, twenty-three years before the foundation of Rome. The computation by Olympiads, ceased A. D. 440, shortly before the institution by Dennis, of the *Christian era*. The first day of the games agreed with the commencement of each quaternary cycle, i. e. the *full* moon next *after the summer solstice*, when doubtless, in the perfect ages of the world, the hinge of that luminary moved in harmony with the *gate* of the year. The *Graces* were Venus (April), Mater Maia (the place of honour), and Diana, or Luna, (June), who gave her name to Sidon, in Phœnicia, and to *Londinium*, the throne of BRITANNIA. These were certainly real personages. The Metonic year of the Athenians began with the *new* moon nearest to this day.—*See* 27*th June*.

The death of *Thales*, in the *fourth* year of the 546th Olympiad. He divided the Grecian Zodiac into seasons. Cyrus captured Sardis in that year; when also Crœsus was overthrown, having reigned fourteen years.

The mind is the swiftest thing, for it surveys all things in a moment.—*Thales.*

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XXI. JUNE.

He dives into the king's soul; and there scatters
Dangers, doubts, wringing of the conscience:
And, out of all these to restore the king,
He counsels a divorce: a loss of her,
That, like a jewel, has hung twenty years
About his neck, yet never lost her lustre;
Of her, that loves him with that excellence
That angels love good men.—*King Henry VIII.*

Acts.

The foundation-stone of the Roman *Capitol* burned by the soldiers of Vitellius, is sunk upon its restitution by Vespasian, A. D. 70. This magnificent temple, of a hundred steps, which was first vowed and founded by Tarquinius Priscus, upon the Tarpeian rock, covered four acres of ground, and was dedicated to Jupiter, Juno, and Minerva, the patrons of the Empire, or rather of its period.—*See 19th December.*

The trial of Queen Katharine before the Legates, at Blackfriars, 1529. Henry sat in state on the right of the Cardinals, and answered to his name. The Queen was on their left; and as soon as she was called, rising from her chair, protested against the jurisdiction; but her judges not admitting the appeal, she rose again, crossed before them, and accompanied by her maids, threw herself at the King's feet: "Sir," said this pattern of injured excellence, "I beseech you to pity me, a woman and a stranger, without an assured friend, and without an indifferent counsellor. I take God to witness, that I have always been to you a true and loyal wife: that I have made it my constant duty to seek your pleasure: that I have loved all whom you loved, whether I had reason or not, whether they were friends to me or foes. I have been your wife for years: I have brought you many children. God knows that, when I came to your bed, I was a virgin; and I put it to your own conscience to say, whether it was not so. If there be any offence which can be alleged against me, I consent to depart with infamy: if not, then I pray you, to do me justice." She then respectfully left the court; leaving there a very strong impression in her favour, an impression which Wolsey himself, with all his loose virtue, was never able to shake off effectually for his safety; especially as his colleague from over the water appeared to *understand* the lofty eloquence and force of mental chastity.

Charles V. takes Terouanne by assault, and razes the fortifications, 1553. Weber produces the "*Der Frieschütz,*" at Berlin, 1821,

Falsehood is just as distant from truth, as the eyes are from the ears.—*Thales.*

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XXI. JUNE.

How reverend is the face of this tall pile;
Whose ancient pillars rear their marble heads,
To bear aloft its arch'd and ponderous roof,
By its own weight made stedfast and immoveable,
Looking tranquillity! It strikes an awe
And terrour on my aching sight; the tombs
And monumental caves of Death look cold,
And shoot a chilness to my trembling heart.—*Congreve.*

Acts.

The death of Edward III. in the *fifty-first* year of an illustrious reign.

The cross in Cheapside is broken and defaced, and an *image* of the infant Christ sacrilegiously conveyed away during the night, 1581. It was *originally* one of Queen Eleanor's memorials; but had been embellished in 1446 with sculptured religious figures.—*See 2d May.*

The Anniversary of the foundation of the CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL, 1675. The highest stone of the lantern was placed by the *son* of the architect in 1710. This sublime *House* of the Godhead, is supposed to have been erected near the *ruins* of a fane devoted to the heathen mistress, Diana, as the Christian Abbey at Westminster appears to have arisen beneath the ashes of an idolatrous temple, consecrated to Apollo; both striking monuments of the grandeur and durability of truth: for the same *knowledge* which taught a Wren to construct his *cupola*, has directed the human intellect to seek the sources of omnipotence *beyond* the visible world. This cathedral stands upon two acres and sixteen perches of ground. Its height is four hundred and four feet, or *double* that of the Monument. The bell belonging to the clock, fixed in the south turret, is ten feet in diameter. Dr. Henry Compton was the diocesan.

The naval victory at Cadiz, under Howard and Essex, when the latter, in a fit of delight, threw his hat into the sea, 1596.—*See 22d.*

A flood, near the Havannah, which swept away 3000 persons, 1791.

The BATTLE OF VITTORIA, 1813. In this solstitial victory (which agrees with the birth of, in every view, a *near relative*), the Marquis of Wellington totally defeated the French under King Joseph (Buonaparte) and Marshal Jourdan, with immense loss of men, one hundred and fifteen pieces of cannon, four hundred and fifteen waggons of ammunition, and all their baggage, provisions, treasure, &c.; together with the Marshal's *baton*, and drove them out of Spain. London and Westminster were illuminated for three nights successively; and a *hecatomb* of Spanish buffaloes should (properly) have been offered in *Madrid*.

Eye-witnesses shall write down what they know, and read it.—*Athenian Laws.*

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They talk of Nine, I know not who,
Female chimeras, that o'er poets reign;
I ne'er could find that fancy true,
But have invok'd them oft, I'm sure, in vain:
They talk of Sappho; but, alas! the shame!
Ill-manners soil the lustre of her fame;
Orinda's inward virtue is so bright,
That like a *lantern's* fair inclosed light,
It through the paper shines where she does write.—*Ode.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths
X. Cal. 22.	Gaspar Barthius, 1576, *Custrin*, Christian Noldius, 1626, *Hoyboy, in Schonen.* Robert Nelson, 1656, *London.* James Delille, 1738, *Clermont, in Auvergne.* Thomas Day, 1748, *London.* And how does it *beat*, Monsieur? said she.—With all the benignity, said I, looking quietly in her eyes, that I expected.—She was going to say something civil in return—but the lad came into the shop with the gloves.—*Apropos*, said I, I want a couple of pairs myself.—*The Pulse.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Alban, *Protomartyr of Britain*, d. Verulam, 303. *(See English Church Calendar.)* St. Paulinus, *Bishop of Nola*, 431.	Alphonso V. (*of Arragon*), 1458. Nicholas Machiavel, 1527. *Florence.* Bishop (John) Fisher, 1535. *beheaded, Tower Hill.* Catharine Philips, 1664. died, *London.* Mahomet IV. (of Turkey), *assassinated*, 1691. Solyman III. (*of Turkey*), died, 1691. Edmund Pourchot, 1734. d. *Paris.* John Peter de Bougainville, 1763. d. *Castle of Loches.* Philip Carteret Webb, 1770. d. *Busbridge.* Her voice is a low, soft music, formed to charm those only who can distinguish a company from a crowd; it has this advantage, you must come close to her to hear it. *A Character.*

For he that fights and runs away
May live to fight another day.—*Sir John Mennis.*

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XXII. JUNE.

Tut, I can counterfeit the deep tragedian;
Speak and look back, and pry on every side,
Tremble and start at wagging of a straw,
Intending deep suspicion: ghastly looks
Are at my service, like enforced smiles;
And both are ready in their offices,
At any time, to grace my stratagems.—*Buckingham.*

Acts.

THE Battle of *Pydna*, and defeat of Perseus, the *last* king of Macedonia, by the Romans, under Æmylius Paulus, B. C. 168. This date is settled by the eclipse, which happened the preceding night. Perseus was shortly afterwards seized by the conqueror, in Samothrace, and thus terminated the independence of a country which had seen a succession of thirty *legitimate* monarchs, and eight usurpers. The great and *third* Alexander was the nineteenth lineal ruler from Caranus, the founder of the empire, B. C. 814, six years after the fall of Assyria.

The third Œcumenical council assembles at *Ephesus*, to execute the decree of Pope Celestine as to the heresy of Nestorius, A. D. 431. There were present, in the first session, one hundred and thirty-eight bishops. He was deposed from his see, and banished to an oasis.

The death of *Saint Wenefride*, of Holy-well.—*See 3d November.*

A remarkable eclipse, eight in the morning, 2d Richard I. (who was then at *Acre*), which caused an artificial night. In that year a *parhelion* appeared, undistinguishable by the naked sight from the real sun, 1191.

The victory of the Scotch Earl of March, on Nesbit Moor, 1402.

The defeat of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, at *Morat*, in Switzerland, 1476. Philip de Comines, speaking of this celebrated conflict for liberty, mentions *harquebussiers* as troops.

The accession of the usurper, Richard III. 1483. It was that memorable *Sunday* when Dr. Shaw, a brother of the Lord Mayor, preached at St. Paul's Cross, from the singular text, "Bastard slips shall not strike deep roots;" and thence proceeded, by the appointment of Gloucester, to show the illegitimacy of the infant princes.

The Cornish rebels, under Lord Audley, encamp on Blackheath, 1497.

Sir Thomas Randolph embarks at Harwich, as Envoy to Russia, 1568. A mercantile treaty was concluded there the 20th of June, 1569.

The King's favour, to say the truth (for sin it were to belie the devil), she never abused to any man's hurt, but to many a man's comfort and relief; and now she beggeth of many at this day living, that this day had begged if she had not been.
Sir Thomas More's character of Jane Shore.

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XXII. JUNE.

False in thy glass all objects are,
Some set too near, and some too far:
Thou art the fire of endless night,
The fire that burns, and gives no light.
All torments of the damn'd we find
In only thee,
O Jealousy!
Thou tyrant, tyrant of the mind.—*Dryden.*

Acts.

The surrender of Cadiz, by capitulation, 1596. The impetuous Essex, with a handful of men, at that moment was in the *market-place*, dealing death around him as the devil's cards. A ransom of 120,000 crowns was to be paid for their lives; and the town and merchandize were abandoned to the rapacity of the conquerors. The Admiral, Howard, in a letter to his father-in-law, Lord Burleigh, kindly but flatteringly observes: "I can assure you, there is not a braver man in the world than the Earl is; and I protest, in my simple poor judgment, *a grave soldier; for what he doth is in great order and good discipline performed.*"

An order of the Privy Council, 1600 (the Court was then at *Greenwich*), *inhibiting* all public performances *about* the city, except in two houses; the Globe, in Surrey, upon the Bankside; and the other, the Fortune, in Golding Lane, Middlesex, *then erecting by one Edward Allen, a servant of the Lord Admiral*, instead of another (The Curtain) to be plucked down. "And for the other house to be allowed on Surrey side, whereas their lordships are pleased to permit, to the company of players, that shall play there [Shakspeare's *covey*] to make their own choice, which they will have, *of divers houses that are there*, choosing one of them and no more. And the said company of players, being the servants of the *Lord Chamberlain*, ['skill-embracing heir of Hunsdon'] have made choice of the house called the *Globe.*" It was also ordered, that the two companies should play "twice a week and no oftener; and especially they shall refrain to play on the Sabbath-day."

Henslowe, MSS.: "Lent unto Benjemy Johnsone, at the apoyntment of E. Alleyn and William Birde, the 22 of June, 1602, in earnest of a boocke [play] called "*Richard Crook-back*," and for new *adycions* for "*Jeronimo*," the sum of x*lb.*" That tragedy 'if ever acted,' was speedily *withdrawn.*

For plays are good, or bad, as they are us'd;
And best inventions often are abus'd.—*Water-Poet.*

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XXII. JUNE.

Wi' joy unfeign'd brothers and sisters meet,
An' each for other's weelfare kindly spiers.
The social hours, swift-wing'd, unnoticed fleet;
Each tells the uncos that he sees or hears:
The parents, partial, eye their hopeful years.
The mother, wi' her needle an' her shears,
Gars auld claes look amaist as weel's the new;
The father mixes a' wi' admonition due.—*Saturday Night.*

Acts.

HENRY III. upon his going into Gascony, delivers the custody of the Great Seal, as *Chancellor*, to Eleanor his Queen, 1253.

Sir Nicholas Bacon, a son of the Lord Keeper of that name, is created by King James I. the premier Baronet of England, 1611.

Galileo and his books are condemned by the Inquisition, 1632.

The Scottish covenanters are defeated at the bridge of *Bothwell*, a village on the Clyde, by the Duke of Monmouth, 1679.

Mr. Canning's motion in favour of the Catholic claims, is carried by a signal majority of one hundred and nineteen. The same motion, introduced by the Marquis Wellesley, in the House of Lords, on the 1st of July, 1812, was only lost by a majority of *one*; "and on each side," says a judicious annalist, "were ranged ministers and their habitual supporters, Royal dukes and bishops; the latter, indeed, in very unequal proportion." In short, the solid array of *mind* in this cause, which at length it has achieved by storm, would illuminate many pages; and to omit one name (as Gray has very well said) is better avoided.

Louis XVI. King of France and his family, who had escaped the preceding day from Paris, are arrested at Varennes, in the department of the Meuse, and conducted back to the Thuilleries, 1791.

A brilliant and general illumination to commemorate the battle of Waterloo, 1815. Louis XVIII. re-entered Paris the 8th of July.

Messieurs Brougham and Denman are first heard at the bar of the House of Lords, as the advocates of the late Princess of Brunswick, called by courtesy, the Queen, 1820. While men are endowed with passions there will be excess and prejudice; so long as this country is *free*, there must be party, and the weak will always find protectors; but existence is far too limited and valuable to busy ourselves with personal enmities respecting those who, disrobed of every earthly vanity, "*their little feelings now no more*," are mingled peaceably together.

The King is the fountain of honour, which should not run with a waste pipe, lest the courtiers sell the water, and then (as Papists say of their holy wells) it loses the virtue. *Bacon.*

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XXIII. JUNE.

Oft am I by the women told,
Poor Anacreon! thou grow'st old.
Whether I grow old or no,
By th' effects I do not know;
This I know, without being told,
'Tis time to live, if I grow old;
'Tis time short pleasures now to take,
Of little life the best to make,
And manage wisely the last stake.—*Age.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
IX. Cal. 23.	Bishop (John) Fell, 1625, *Longworth.* William Godfrey de Leibnitz, 1646, *Leipsic.* Sir Fletcher Norton, Lord Grantley, 1716. Stephen Louis Malus, 1775, *Paris.*	Caius Flaminius, *killed*, B.C. 217. Albertus, *Archbishop of Mentz*, A.D. 1137. Mary Tudor (*Dutchess of Suffolk,*) 1533. Dr. John Mill, 1707. *Blechingdon.* Gabriel Daniel, 1728. d. *Paris.* Achmet III. (*Emperor*), 1730. Joseph Barre, 1764. d. *Paris.* Mark Akenside, 1770. *St. James's, Westminster.* Catharine Macauley (Graham), 1791. *Binfield.* Mathurin James Brisson, 1806. Wilson Lowry, 1824. *London.*
	There is a weakness that contributes to health; and *counsel* must be as warily increased as diet, whilst there are dregs enough left of the disease to spoil the operation and digestion. *Clarendon.*	
	Obits *of the Latin Church.* St. Etheldreda (or Ediltrudis, *commonly* Audry), *Virgin Abbess of Ely*, d. 679. St. Mary, *of Oignies, in Brabant*, 1213.	The conversation with wise and good men cannot be overvalued; it forms the mind for noble undertakings, and is much to be preferred before the mere learning of books, in order to be wise.—*Clarendon.*

I will straight conduct you to a hill-side, where I will point you out the right path of a virtuous and noble education; laborious indeed at the first ascent, but else so smooth, so green, so full of goodly prospect and melodious sounds on every side, that the harp of Orpheus was not more charming.—*Milton on Education.*

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XXIII. JUNE.

The hoary fool, who many days
  Has struggl'd with continued sorrow,
Renews his hope, and blindly lays
  The desp'rate bet upon to-morrow:
To-morrow comes: 'tis noon, 'tis night;
  This day like all the former flies:
Yet on he runs, to seek delight
  To-morrow, 'till to-night he dies.---*Prior.*

Acts.

UPON the vigil of St. John the Baptist (Midsummer-eve), at night, in the *olden time*, the London Watch was accustomed to be *set* with great parade, marches, and counter-marches, "from the little conduit by Paul's Gate, through West Cheap, by the Stocks, through Cornhill, by Leadenhall to Aldgate, then back down Fenchurch Street, by Grass-Church, about Grass-Church conduit, and up Grass-Church Street into Cornhill, and through it into West Cheap again, and so broke up." It was altogether a very imposing civic spectacle, scarcely inferior and very similar to the Lord Mayor's show of the present age.

The French *regal* ceremony, called "*Le feu* de la Saint *Jean*," when a certain number of cats, with a fox, are burnt in the Place de Grève, upon St. John's Eve, is probably as ancient as the monarchy.

The overthrow of the Consul, Flaminius, near the lake Thrasymenus, (*Perugia*), B. C. 217. It was one of the most decisive and destructive victories on record, sounding as a drum to Roman ears, the *promising* but deceptive talents of Hannibal.—*See* 21*st May*.

The Caliph *Ali*, fourth from the prophet, is *chosen*, A. D. 655.

The Emperor Henry VI. who meanly purchased, imprisoned, and sold our Richard I. is inaugurated by Pope Celestine, Sunday, 1191. Matthew Paris states, that the *eclipse* took place upon *this* day.

A terrible convulsion of Mount Etna, about sunset, 1281.

Richard III. publishes his famous *proclamation*, 1485. It stated, that *Henry Tudor* "intended to change and subvert the laws of the realm, and to do the most cruel murders, slaughters, robberies, and dis-herisons that were ever seen in any Christian country."

Charles II. arrives in the Frith of Cromartie, 1649.—*Two moons* are seen at London, noticed by the *famous* John Partridge, N. S. 1679.

One consolation is, that as I have always very readily manumized my slaves, their death does not seem altogether immature, if they have lived long enough to receive their freedom: the other, that I have allowed them to make a kind of will, which I observe as religiously as if they were legally entitled to that privilege.
Pliny the Younger.

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XXIV. JUNE.

Some village-Hampden, that with dauntless breast
The little tyrant of his fields withstood;
Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest,
Some Cromwell guiltless of his country's blood.
To scatter plenty o'er a smiling land,
And read their hist'ry in a nation's eyes
Their lot forbad: nor circumscrib'd alone
Their growing virtues, but their crimes confin'd;
Forbad to wade through slaughter to a throne,
And shut the gates of mercy on mankind.---*Gray.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VIII. Cal. 24.	*Saint* John the Baptist, B. C. 4, *Hebron, in Palestine.*	*Titus Flavius* Vespasianus, A.D. 79. d. *Cutilia.*
	St. John, *of Matha*, A.D. 1169, *Faucon.*	Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester, 1314. *k. Bannockburn.*
	Theodore Beza, 1519, *Vezelai, in Burgundy.*	Isabel, Countess of Warwick, 1439. *Tewkesbury.*
	John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, 1650, *Ashe, Devonsh.*	William, Earl of Northampton, *drowned*, 1630.
	Dr. D. Gregory, 1661, *Aberdeen.*	Nicholas Claude Péiresc, 1637. *Aix in Provence.*
	Francis (Lord) Gardenstone, 1721, *Edinburgh.*	John Hampden, 1643. d. *Thame.* (Hampden, in Bucks.)
	Dr. Treadway Russel Nash, 1725, *Clerkenleap.*	Bishop (Isaac) Barrow, 1680. *St. Asaph.*
	Dr. Alexander Adam, 1741, *Rafford, near Forres.*	Dr. John Partridge, 1715. *Mortlake.*
	Deodatus de Dolomieu, 1750, *Dauphiné.*	Lewis, Marquis de Beauvau, 1744. *killed, Ypres.*
	Josephine (*of France*), 1763, *Island of Martinico.*	Adrian, Duke de Noailles, 1766.
	General (Lazarus) Hoche, 1768, *Montreuil.*	Christopher Drakenberg, 1770. d. *Norway*, aged 146.
	Obits *of the Latin Church.*	Dr. Thomas Amory, 1774. *Bunhill Fields.*
	The Nativity of *St. John the Baptist.*	Lady Miller, 1781. *Bath.*
	The Martyrs of Rome, under Nero, A. D. 64.	Dr. J. Blair, 1782. *St. Bride's.*
	St. Bartholomew, *Monk of Durham Abbey.*	Thomas Sandby, 1798.
		Sir Francis Milman, 1821.

He must grow, and I must become less.---*St. John.*

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XXIV. JUNE.

Beside the dewy border let me sit,
All in the freshness of the humid air;
There in that hollow'd rock, grotesque and wild,
An ample chair, moss-lin'd, and over head
By flowering umbrage shaded; where the bee
Strays diligent, and with th' extracted balm
Of fragrant woodbine loads his little thigh.—*Summer.*

Acts.

St. John's Day. This great festival of the church was instituted A. D. 488, to commemorate the nativity of the precursor of Christ, and from its importance it has been placed (or misplaced) in the Catholic necrology.—*See 6th July. Midsummer Day*, with the days of the *Purification* and *Ascension*, is the third and last of the three great and solemn holidays during the terms.—*See 2d February.*

The first Christian persecution under Nero, 64.—*See 18th June.*

Vespasian had reigned with popularity for ten years, 79. He was the first of the Roman Emperors who died a natural death; and seems to have merited this exemption, if superior worth be a protection from domestic treachery or open assassination. Vespasian was succeeded by Titus, a prince not inferior in virtue to his father; but his reign was brief.

Frederick Barbarossa issues his famous imperial edict, under the sanction of the diet at Constance, restoring the Lombard towns to their primitive rank as independent republics, with all their ancient usages, 1183; a day which, to adopt a sentence, "may be numbered among the most remarkable epochs in the long progress of human society."

The Battle of Bannockburn, in the vicinage of Stirling, 1314.—A proud and bright and a prosperous *Monday* for Scotland. "The slaughter was immense; the deep ravine of Bannockburn, to the south of the field of battle, lying in the direction taken by most of the fugitives, was almost choked and bridged over with the slain."

Edward's great and bloody victory off *Sluys*, 1340. Nautical knowledge was not yet attended by humanity; for two French Admirals, Sir Nicholas Buchet and Sir Hugh Queret, were '*hanged*,' says Fabian, 'upon the sails of their ships.' Philip was first made acquainted with the defeat by the wit of his buffoon. He called the English cowards; and when the king inquired the reason, replied, that they had not the courage to leap into the sea, like the French and Normans.

At Bannockburn I served the Bruce,
Of whilk the Inglis had na ruise.—*Scotch Broadsword.*

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XXIV. JUNE.

Heaven (that hath plac'd this island to give law,
To balance Europe, and her States to awe,)
In this conjunction doth on Britain smile,
The greatest leader, and the greatest isle!
Whether this portion of the world were rent,
By the rude ocean from the continent,
Or thus created; it was sure design'd
To be the sacred refuge of mankind.---*Waller on Cromwell.*

Acts.

The battle of *Seven Oaks*, when the rebel, Cade, turning on his pursuers, put them to flight, killed Sir Humphrey Stafford, their commander, and arrayed himself in the knight's panoply and spurs, 1450. This 'hog in armour' took possession of Southwark on the 1st of July, and two days later entered London, cutting with his sword *the ropes of the drawbridge* as he passed.

The Duke of Buckingham harangues the good citizens from the hustings at Guildhall, and Richard III. is proclaimed King by hireling voices. The corporation waited the next morning upon his Highness at his den, Baynard's Castle, and tender the crown, which he *reluctantly* accepts, 1483.

The Island of Newfoundland is discovered by Sebastian Cabot, 1497. It was the first European expedition that reached the American *continent*. —*See 11th June.* The license of Henry VII. (for he, like Vespasian, loved money for its use) is dated the 5th day of March, 1496.

The coronation of Henry VIII. and his Queen, Katharine of Arragon, at Westminster, 1509. A dazzling prince, but even Cardinal Pole observes, that he was then "*indoles*, ex qua pæclara omnia *sperari* possent." The lady was dressed in white, with her hair loose, and the ceremonies were appropriated to the nuptials of *a maiden*.

The anniversary of the great procession at Dunkirk, called *Cormass*, during the dominion of Charles V. This place capitulated to Cromwell, when at the summit of his greatness, upon the present day, 1658.

John (Boccold) of Leyden, the leader of the Anabaptists, is elected King of *Munster*, called *Sion*, in Westphalia, 1534.

Sebastian III. embarks at Lisbon against Africa with one thousand sail, 1577. The garrison of Oxford surrenders to the Independents, 1646.

To oppress all his enemies by arms, and all his friends afterwards by artifice; to bequeath the estates and lives of three kingdoms with one word to his posterity; to die with peace at home and triumph abroad; to be buried among kings, and with more than regal solemnity; and to leave a name behind him not to be extinguished, but with the whole world. *Cowley on Cromwell.*

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XXIV. JUNE.

Know thyself.---*Motto of Thales.*

Acts.

THE first stone of the Senate House, at Cambridge, is placed 1722.

The Act of James I. *against conjuration, witchcraft, and dealing with evil and wicked spirits* was repealed from this day, 1736. The proem of the Act in the 5th year of Elizabeth, 1562, against *enchantments*, &c. is as follows: "Where at this present there is no ordinary ne condign punishment provided against the practices of the wicked offences of conjurations and invocations of evil spirits, and of sorceries, enchantments, charms, and witchcrafts, the which offences, by force of a statute made in the xxxiii year of the reign of the late King *Henry* the Eighth, were made to be felony, and so continued until the said statute was repealed by the act and statute of repeal made in the first year of the reign of the late King *Edward* the Sixth: sithens the repeal whereof, many fantastical and devilish persons have devised and practised invocations and conjurations of evil and wicked spirits, and have used and practised witchcrafts, enchantments, charms, and sorceries, to the destruction of the persons and goods of their neighbours, and other subjects of this realm, and for lewd intents and purposes, contrary to the laws of Almighty God, to the peril of their own souls, and to the great infamy and disquietness of this realm."—*See 29th September.*

The foundation of the Grammar School, at Edinburgh, is laid, 1777.

The division of the territories and treasures of Tippo Saheb, 1799. It may here be told, that the Duke of Wellington (then Colonel Wellesley) was *struck with a spent ball on the knee,* during the attack of the Tope on the 5th of April; and that the present Marquis Wellesley (then Lord Mornington) was at this time *Governor-general of India.*

The Trinity Term begins on the Friday (at the two Universities on the Wednesday) following Trinity Sunday, and continues until the Wednesday fortnight from that period, (twenty days) unless it happen on St. John's Day. The conclusion of this term, at Oxford and Cambridge, is regulated by the Act of the former, and the commencement of the latter, which usually take place the first *Tuesday* in July.

That house is best wherein the master may live at ease.---*Thales.*

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XXV. JUNE.

The native beauty that once fill'd your cheeks,
Like the budding rose, puts forth again
After cold winter's violence; and your lips
On whose soft touch, had it been possible,
Death would have died himself, begin to show
Like untouch'd cherries pale with morning dew,
Which once shak'd off, the purple fruit aspires,
With amorous blushes, to intice the small
Linnet, and wanton sparrow, from their lays.—*Glapthorne.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
VII. Cal. 25.	John Coropius Becanus, 1518. I have seen men in parliament who said and did nothing; those that were only busy in impeding useful measures; and others who talked, indeed, but ever in romance. I would have no professed infidels in that House. *Steele.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Agoard and Aglibert, *Martyrs at Creteil, near Paris,* 400. St. Prosper *of Aquitain,* (after) 463. St. Maximus, *Bishop of Turin,* (after) 465. St. Moloc, *Bishop in Scotland,* 7th Century. St. Adelbert *of Northumberland,* d. *Egmond,* c. 740. St. William, *Founder of Monte-Virgine, near Benevento,* d. 1142.	Philip Duke of Swabia (*Emperor*), 1208. *assas. Bamberg.* Queen Eleanor (*of Provence*), 1291. d. *Ambresbury.* Jane (Abbess) Chabot, 1593. d. *Paraclete.* Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton, N. S. 1614. *Dover Castle.* John Marston, 1634. *Temple Church.* Bishop (Thomas) Westfield, 1644. Sir Orlando Bridgeman, 1674. Bishop (William) Thomas, 1689. *Worcester.* Roger Gale, 1744. d. *Scruton.* Godfrey Sellius, 1767. died, *Charenton.* Charles Barbaroux, *guill.* 1794. William Smellie, 1795. died, *Edinburgh.* Aristocracy is as fatal as democracy. Our constitution admits of neither. It loves a king, lords, and commons, really chosen by the unbought suffrages of a free people.—*Junius.*

O great restorer of the good old stage,
Preacher at once, and zany of thy age.—*Pope.*

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XXV. JUNE.

O happy love! where love like this is found!
O heart-felt raptures! bliss beyond compare!
I've paced much this weary mortal round,
And sage experience bids me this declare—
If Heaven a draught of heavenly pleasure spare,
One cordial in this melancholy vale,
'Tis when a youthful, loving, modest pair,
In other's arms breathe out the tender tale,
Beneath the milk-white thorn that scents the evening gale.---*Burns.*

Acts.

THE marriage of Joan, the elder sister of Henry III. with Alexander II. King of Scotland, is solemnized in the cathedral of York, 1221.

An imperial diet assembles at Spire, where the divines who attended the Elector of Saxony and the Landgrave, preached publicly, and administered the sacrament according to the rites of the reformed church, 1526.

The coronation of Charles IX. of France, at Rheims, 1561: "At that solemnity, *Mary* (of Scotland) appeared in all the state and pomp of widowed royalty; but distinguished by the white mourning allotted to youthful dowagers; her dark brown tresses were concealed under a long crape veil, which floated loosely on her shoulders, and, according to Brantome, was not so delicate as the tint of her colourless cheeks."

The Hexham Grammar School is instituted by Queen Elizabeth, 1598.

King William retakes *Namur* from the French, after a long and bloody siege, although the town was defended by ten thousand men, commanded by Boufflers; and it appears that Villeroi, at the head of *ten times* that number, was in the neighbourhood, 1695.

The dreadful conflagration of the *Luxborough* vessel, bound from Jamaica to London, in the latitude of forty-one degrees, forty-five minutes, and longitude, from Crooked Island, thirty degrees, thirty minutes, East. She blew up and disappeared; those that hastily escaped in the yawl, arrived without food or water, compass, mast, or sails, and with but three oars, at Newfoundland, the 7th of July, 1727. The survivors had lived upon fifteen of their dead companions. The fire began in the lazaretto.

The Emperors of France and Russia hold their amicable conference upon a raft moored on the river Niemen, near *Tilsit*. The famous *Treaty* was ratified on the 7th of July, 1807, by which act Napoleon restored to Frederick William, ancient Prussia, and the French conquests in Upper Saxony—the King agreeing to adopt "the continental system." There were *secret* articles levelled against our maritime supremacy.

Providence is like a curious piece of arras, made up of a thousand shreds, which, single, we know not what to make of; but, put together and stitched up orderly, they represent a beautiful history to the eye. *Flavel.*

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XXVI. JUNE.

As, when the Dove her rocky hold forsakes,
Rous'd in a fright, her sounding wings she shakes;
The cavern rings with clatt'ring; out she flies,
And leaves her callow care, and cleaves the skies:
At first she flutters; but at length she springs
To smoother flight, and shoots upon her wings.—*Virgil.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
VI. Cal. 26.	Ernest the Pious (*of Luneburg*), 1497, *Zelle.* Dr. Philip Doddridge, 1702, *London.* Charles Messier, 1730, *Badonviller.* George Morland, 1763, *Haymarket.* If you do not correct yourself, know that I will cut you off from the succession, as we lop off an useless member. *Peter to his Son.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. John and Paul, *Soldiers and Martyrs*, c. 362. St. Vigilius, *Bishop of Trent*, *M.* 400 or 405. St. Maxentius, *Abbot in Poitou*, c. 515. St. Babolen, 1st *Abbot of St. Maur's*, 7th Century. *The Venerable* Raingarda, Widow, *buried*, 1135. St. Anthelm, *Bishop of Bellay*, d. 1178.	Julian (*Emperor*), A. D. 363. *slain, near Samara, upon the Tigris.* (Constantinople.) Innocent V. (Pope), 1276. James Touchet, Lord Audley, *beheaded*, 1497. Francisco Pizarro, 1541. *assassinated, Lima.* Victorinus Strigelius, 1569. died, *Heidelberg.* Gabriel, Count of Montgomery, 1574. *beheaded, Paris.* Roger Manners, Earl of Rutland, 1612. *Botsford.* Ralph Cudworth, 1688. *Christ College, Cambridge.* John Flavel, 1691. *Dartmouth.* Alexis Czarewitz (*of Russia*), O. S. 1718. *died (under sentence), Petersburg.* Cardinal Julius Alberoni, 1752. d. *Placentia.* Alderman Hugh Smith, 1789. d. *Trevor Park.* Nich. Jadelot, 1793. d. *Nancy.* Gilbert White, 1793. *Selborne.* Peter Demours, 1795. d. *Paris.* King George IV. (of England), 1830. *Royal Chapel, Windsor.*

If I spare not my own life for the good of my people, how shall I spare you?
Peter the Great.

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XXVI. JUNE.

But should the people ask me, while I choose
The public converse, wherefore I refuse
To join the public judgment, and approve,
Or fly whatever they dislike, or love;
Mine be the answer prudent Reynard made
To the sick lion---Truly I'm afraid,
When I behold the steps that to thy den
Look forward all, but none return again.---*Horace.*

Acts.

Dionysius, of Alexandria, began his astronomical era, *Monday*, B. C. 285, the year of the accession of Ptolemy Philadelphus. He was the first person who found the exact limits of the solar year, consisting of three hundred and sixty-five days, five hours, and forty-nine minutes.

Cicero arrives at Athens in his progress to Asia, and spends ten days with the Muses. This was the year of the rhetorician's pro-consulship: he left Rome on the 1st of May, accompanied by his brother and their two sons: landed at Actium the 15th of June, at Ephesus the 22d, and reached Laodicea, one of the capital cities of his province, on the 31st of July, the day when his government began, B. C. 51.

The memorable conference between Brutus, and Cassius, and Cicero, at Antium, a few weeks after the parricide, B. C. 44. *Portia* (daughter of Cato) and Tertulla, the wives of the two friends, assisted.

The death of Pizarro, *the conqueror of Peru*, 1541. "With a temper of mind no less daring than the constitution of his body was robust, he was foremost in every danger, patient under the greatest hardships, and unsubdued by any fatigue. Though so illiterate that he could not even read, he was soon considered as a man formed to command. Every operation committed to his conduct proved successful, as by a happy, but rare conjunction, he united perseverance with ardour, and was as cautious in executing, as he was bold in forming his plans. By engaging early in active life, without any resource but his own talents and industry, and by depending on himself alone in his struggles to emerge from obscurity, he acquired such a thorough knowledge of affairs, and of men, that he was fitted to assume a superior part in conducting the former and in governing the latter." This ambitious adventurer founded the city of Lima, the capital of Peru, on the feast of the Epiphany, 1535, and built the commercial town of Truxillo in the same year.

If you do well, be monarch of the game.

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XXVI. JUNE.

It is a wond'rous thing, how fleet
'Twas on those little silver feet,
With what a pretty skipping grace,
It oft would challenge me the race:
And when 't had left me far away,
'Twould stay, and run again, and stay.
For it was nimbler much than hinds;
And trod, as on the four winds.---*The Fawn.*

Acts.

The Earls of Pembroke, Marr, and Southampton, and the Duke of Lennox, are made Knights Companions of the honourable order of the Garter by King James, at Windsor Castle (Sunday), 1603.

Oliver Cromwell is solemnly inaugurated *Lord Protector*, in Westminster Hall, 1657. "The Speaker invested his Highness with a purple mantle, lined with ermine; presented him with a bible, superbly gilt and embossed; girt a sword by his side, and placed a sceptre of massive gold in his hand. On the right of the chair, at some distance, sate the French, on the left, the Dutch Ambassador: on one side stood the Earl of Warwick, with the sword of the Commonwealth; on the other, the Lord Mayor, with that of the city."

Lady Montagu writes to Pope, from Belgrade Village, N.S. 1717: "To say truth, I am sometimes very weary of the singing, and dancing, and sunshine, and wish for the smoke and impertinences in which you toil, though I endeavour to persuade myself that I live in a more agreeable variety than you do; and that *Monday*, setting of partridges; *Tuesday*, reading English; *Wednesday*, studying in the Turkish language (in which, by the way, I am already learned); *Thursday*, classical authors; *Friday*, spent in writing; *Saturday*, at my needle; and *Sunday*, admitting of visits, and hearing of music, is a better way of disposing of the week, than *Monday*, at the drawing-room; *Tuesday*, Lady Mohun's; *Wednesday*, at the opera; *Thursday*, the play; *Friday*, Mrs. Chetwynd's, &c.: a perpetual round of hearing the same scandal, and seeing the same follies acted over and over again."

Coutel, the aëronaut, accompanied by an adjutant and general, reconnoitres the contending armies at *Fleurus*, in an air-balloon, and preserves a communication with Jourdan, in defiance of the Austrian batteries, 1794. This battle continued for fifteen hours, *a summer's day.*

The Duke of Clarence escorts the *Sovereigns* to the continent, 1814.

Semper eadem.---*Always the same.---Motto of Queen Elizabeth.*

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XXVI. JUNE.

Let high-birth triumph! What can be more great?
Nothing—but merit in a low estate.
To virtue's humblest son let none prefer
Vice, though descended from the Conqueror.
Shall men, like *figures*, pass for high, or base,
Slight, or important, only by their place?
Titles are marks of *honest* men, and *wise*;
The fool, or knave, that wears a title, *lyes*.---*Love of Fame.*

Arts.

THE ACCESSION OF KING WILLIAM THE FOURTH. The day of a new reign is, politically, a day of *restauration*, and therefore one of unmingled prospective cheerfulness. In a moral sense, indeed, a man is removed from existence, a personage with the tissued qualities of our common nature, who immediately becomes the subject of opinion. There are private, dear connexions that, gazing upon his vacant chair, will call up his sentimental and social character, and *weep the more, because they weep in vain*; and there are also public tears, the sorrows of a nation, who, if he possessed a parental attachment for his country, if his name be associated with its glory, if he has advanced her reputation by his demeanour, her happiness by his charities, or her elegance, by patronising those emollients of manners, the fine arts, which are the certain *heralds* of philosophy, they will gratefully consecrate his memory. But these are *limited* reflections, wholly separable from the contemplation of a consecutive sovereignty. Although the state-waggon and charioteer are the same, yet the levers are of other metal, and its "*propriety*" is changed: the *long-resounding pace* is renewed in other paths. As the lord and lady of the chariot pass, a health is fired from three kingdoms: LONG LIVE KING WILLIAM IV. and God bless QUEEN ADELAIDE! Green-mantled Thame waved her silvery locks, and venerable Ocean smoothed his shaggy beard and *smiled*. Flattery, that impious vice, which diverts all good and patriotic *resolves* into false channels, is ever a close watch in the chambers of princes, unless, like his Majesty, they can maintain the integrity, and the wholesome blessings of an English fireside. It is scarcely an art—the art of *making* love and popularity.

Je main tiendria.---*I will maintain.---Motto of King William.*

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XXVII. JUNE.

Sweet Echo, sweetest nymph, that liv'st unseen,
Within thy airy shell,
By slow Meander's margent green,
And in the violet-embroider'd vale,
Where the love-lorn nightingale
Nightly to thee her sad song mourneth well;
O, if you have
Hid them in some flowery cave,
Tell me but where,
Sweet queen of parley, daughter of the sphere!—*Comus.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
v. Cal. 27.	Louis XII. (the Just), 1462, *Blois in the Orleannois.* Charles IX. (*of France*), 1550, *St. Germain.* Charles XII. (*of Sweden*), 1682, *Stockholm?*	Sir John Hayward, 1627. Frederick Morel, *the younger*, 1630. d. *Paris.* Cyril Lucas, 1638. *strangled, Constantinople.* Sebastian Baron de Pontchasteau, 1699. d. *Paris.* C. H. Heinecken, 1727. *Lubeck.* Nathan Bailey, 1742. d. *Stepney.* George North, 1772. *Codicote.* Nicholas Tindal, 1774. died, *Greenwich Hospital.* Martin Wall, the *Elder*, 1776. *Bath Abbey.* Dr. William Dodd, 1777. *executed, Tyburn.* J. H. Waser, 1780. *beheaded, Zurich.* Simon Nicolas Linguet, 1794. *guillotined, Paris.* Claudius, Prince of Broglio, 1794. *guillotined, Paris.* Dominic Villars, 1814. d. *Strasburg.* Joseph Von Hager, 1820. died, *Milan.*

But reason, or the wisest conclusions drawn from even truth itself, neither removes the stings of guilt, nor possess the soul with that peace which ever surpasses the best informed understanding. O! no, nothing but that voice of Almighty power, that spoke from the cross to your *suffering companion there*, can be your point now; and we all, like him, must pass sentence upon ourselves.

Lady Huntingdon to Dodd.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. John, *of Moutier*, 6th Cent.
St. Ladislas I. (or Lancelot), *King of Hungary*, (translation), 1095.

Cæsar's fortune had nothing more excellent than that he could, and his virtue nothing better than that he would always save and pardon every man.—*Cicero.*

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XXVII. JUNE.

Friends and fellow-soldiers, the seasonable period of my departure is now arrived, and I discharge, with the cheerfulness of a ready debtor, the demands of nature. I have learned from philosophy, how much the soul is more excellent than the body; and that the separation of the nobler substance should be the subject of joy, rather than of affliction. I have learned from religion, that an early death has often been the reward of piety, for which I am thankful. I die without remorse, as I have lived without guilt; for I hold it equally absurd, equally base, to solicit, or to decline, the stroke of Providence. *Emperor Julian.*

Acts.

The estival solstice of Meton, the *Athenian*, corresponds with this day in the 87th *Olympiad*, B. C. 432.—*See* 13*th May*. From the time of Solon, whose Archonship took place in the year, B. C. 594, the Attic months were *lunar*, of three hundred and fifty-four days, composed alternately of thirty and twenty-nine days, and connected with the solar revolution by an intercalary month (called Posideon 2) of twenty-two and twenty-three days, alternately, every two years. The *Enneadecaeteris* of Meton, took a wider circuit by intercalating seven months in *nineteen* years. The years which received the embolismic months were these: 3, 5, 8, 11, 13, 16, 19, and his nineteen years contained two hundred and thirty-five months of thirty days, or seven thousand and fifty days. But as nineteen years in solar time contained six thousand nine hundred and forty days, according to Meton's computation, there was an overplus of one hundred and ten days to be expunged from his cycle. These he deducted by a new method. In the old system of taking one day from every alternate month, too much was gained. His method, therefore, was to strike out every sixty-third day. Yet his months did not agree with the lunations, and in his solar year there was still an excess of thirty minutes, amounting, during a period, to nine hours and a half. This was attempted to be corrected by the cycle of *Calippus*, of seventy-six Julian years, containing four Metonic periods, *commencing* July, B. C. 330, the year when the last Darius was slain. It was, however, only a partial reformation, by deducting one day in seventy-six years, leaving an excess of eleven minutes and three seconds beyond our Gregorian year. The Calippic cycle and the calculation by Olympiads fell together.

The election of Jovian by the imperial army, A. D. 363. Julian was in his thirty-second year, having reigned one year and about eight months from the death of Constantius. He died just before *mid-night*.

I offer my tribute of gratitude to the Eternal Being, who has not suffered me to perish by the cruelty of a tyrant, by the secret dagger of conspiracy, or by the slow tortures of lingering disease. *Julian.*

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XXVII. JUNE.

He had the fruits, more than the seeds:
We were his followers, he would call us friends;
He was a man most like to virtue; in all,
And every action, nearer to the gods,
Than men, in nature; of a body as fair
As was his mind; and no less reverend
In face, than fame; and what his funerals lack'd
In images and pomp, they had supplied
With honourable sorrow, soldiers' sadness.

Jonson in Sejanus.

Acts.

Pope Boniface VIII. issues an authoritative rescript, directed to Edward I., by which he claimed the feudal sovereignty over Scotland, and reserved to his decision any controversy between the crowns, 1299. This document was delivered by Archbishop Winchelsey to Edward, in his camp before Caerlavarock, the 26th of August, 1300, and was answered by the Barons of England, 12th of February, 1301: "It is, and by the grace of God shall always be, our common and unanimous resolve, that with respect to the *temporal rights* of our Lord the King, he shall not plead before you nor submit in any means to your judgment." The monarch also, in a *familiar* letter, dated 7th May, 1301, formally deduces his claim to the superiority from *Brute, the Trojan.* His Holiness replied: that the Scots cared not for Brute, the Trojan, as they were derived from Scota, the daughter of *Pharaoh*, who landed in Ireland, and whose descendants became Kings of Albany by conquest.—Upon this day the University of Oxford *unanimously* determined that the *jurisdiction of the Pope of Rome did not exceed the ministry of any other English Bishop*, 1534.

Ferdinand, of Arragon, resigns the government of Castile, 1506.

Richard III. ennobles the two Howards, 1483.—*See 22d August.*

Howell writes *to his father, Mr. Ben Jonson*, 1629: "I find that you have been oftentimes mad; you were mad when you writ your *Fox;* and madder when you writ your *Alchymist;* you were mad when you first writ *Cataline*, and stark mad when you writ *Sejanus;* but when you writ your *Epigrams*, and the *Magnetic Lady*, you were not so mad: insomuch that I perceive there be degrees of madness in you. Excuse me that I am so free with you. The madness I mean is that divine fury, that heating and heightening spirit, of which Ovid speaks."

O, they are fled the light! Those mighty spirits
Lie raked up with their ashes in their urns.—*Sejanus.*

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XXVII. JUNE.

" On Moscow's walls shall Gothic standards fly,
And all be mine beneath the polar sky."
The march begins in military state,
And nations on his eye suspended wait;
Stern Famine guards the solitary coast,
And Winter barricades the realm of Frost;
He comes, nor want, nor cold, his course delay;---
Hide, blushing Glory, hide Pultowa's day.—*Johnson.*

Acts.

George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, sails from Portsmouth upon his expedition against the French coast, from which he returned with disgrace, having lost in the Isle of Rhé the flower of his army, 1627.

The *Mercurius Politicus*, No. 56: " Friday, June 27, 1651. Mr. Milton's book hath been burnt at *Toulouse*, by an arrest of the Parliament." The famous " *Defence of the People of England*" was, twelve days later, burnt by the common executioner, at *Paris*, under a *judicial* sentence.

The French, commanded by M. du Casse, attack the Island of Jamaica, and lay it waste from Cow Bay to Port Morant, 1694.

The celebrated battle of *Pultowa*, in Russia, between two great and potent monarchs. The " *Invincible*," was driven from the field with the remnant of his troops, after a desperate conflict of two hours, and fled to Bender, O. S. 1709. " *To say all in a word*," writes the Czar to his General, Galtz, " *their whole army has had the fate of Phæton.*"

Gibbon concludes his great work at *Lausanne;* the sixth volume, which he began the 18th of May, 1786. " It was on the day, or rather night, of the 27th of June, 1787, between the hours of eleven and twelve, that I wrote the last lines of the last page, in a summer-house in my garden. After laying down my pen, I took several turns in a *berçeau*, or covered walk of acacias, which commands a prospect of the country, the lake, and the mountains. The silver orb of the moon was reflected from the waters. I will not dissemble the first emotions of joy on the recovery of my freedom, and perhaps the establishment of my fame."

The capture of Buenos Ayres, by Sir Home Popham, 1806.

That rare phenomenon, a *water spout*, " which shipmen do the hurricano call, constringed in mass by the almighty sun," was observed by Sir Richard Phillips, near Highgate, seven in the morning, 1817.—The *retiring* Vase is presented (by Lord Holland) to John Kemble, same day.

In so many ages that are gone over the world, there has been but here and there a man found, who has been able worthily to recount the actions of great heroes and potent states. *Milton's Defence.*

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XXVIII. JUNE.

He sung Darius great and good,
Deserted, at his utmost need,
By those his former bounty fed:
On the bare earth expos'd he lies,
With not a friend to close his eyes.
With downcast looks the joyless Victor sate,
Revolving in his alter'd soul
The various turns of chance below;
And, now and then, a sigh he stole;
And tears began to flow.—*Alexander's Feast.*

Day.	**Births.**	**Deaths.**
IV. Cal. 28.	Alexander the Great, B. C. 356, *Pella.* Henry VIII. (*of England*), A. D. 1491, *Greenwich.* John Drusius, 1550, *Oudenard.* Henry Earl of Danvers, 1573, *Dantesey.* Sir Peter Paul Rubens, 1577, *Cologne.* Jean Jaques Rousseau, 1712, *Geneva.*	Albovinus (*of Lombardy*), 573. *assassinated, Verona.* Lord Leonard Gray, *beheaded,* 1541. J. Coropius Becanus, 1572. Abraham Ortelius, 1598. died, *Antwerp.* John de Rotrou, 1650. died, *Dreux.* Wm. Fulman, 1688. *Hampton-Meysey.* Thomas Creech, 1700. *Oxford.* Joseph de Mailla, 1748. died, *Pekin.* Francis Wheatley, 1801. Thomas Garnett, 1802. *London.* George Keate, 1797. *Isleworth.* John Fry, 1822. d. *Bristol.*

My opinion I will profess, that not without especial purpose of the Deity such a man was given to the world, to whom none has ever yet been equal.
Arrian.

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Irenæus, *Bishop of Lyons, Martyr,* 202, or 208.
Sts. Plutarch and others, *Martyrs at Alexandria,* c. 207.
Sts. Potamiana and Basilides, *Martyrs,* 3rd Century.
St. Leo II. *Pope, buried,* 683.

Being immaterial, he is above all conception; being invisible he can have no form; but from what we behold in his *works* we may conclude that he is eternal, omnipotent, knowing all things, and present every where.
Book of the Hindoos.

I desire you should know I have a son born; greatly I thank the gods for this blessing; and yet less from the mere circumstance that I have a son, than because it happens in an age when he may become worthy of his inheritance under your care and instruction.
King Philip to Aristotle.

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XXVIII. JUNE.

Princes are like to heavenly bodies, which cause good or evil times; and which have much veneration, but no rest. All precepts concerning kings are, in effect, comprehended in those two remembrances, "*memento quod est homo;*" and "*memento quod est vicè Dei;*" the one bridleth their power, the other their will.

Bacon.

Acts.

THE Coronation of King Edward IV. the Plantagenet, of the *White Rose*, 1461. His brothers, George and Richard, were created, upon this august occasion, Dukes of Clarence and Gloucester.

The anniversary of the birth of Henry VIII. 1491, a great monarch, but very far from being an admirable character. His life is rather felt than chronicled; a good fortune, for which he is indebted to his *daughter* of 'happy memory,' whose throne was her mind; her ruling passion, England's welfare, with the least expense; who picked out and cherished a *batch of men* that might have served the space between, and fragments now to spare. The woman is partly silenced in the prince.

The heralds of Francis, the French Dauphin (who married Mary of Scotland), assume the arms of England in the justs at Paris, 1559.

The Island of Guadaloupe is colonized by French settlers, under M. M. d'Olive and du Plessis, on the vigil of St. Peter's day, 1635.

The *Mercurius Politicus* for this day, 1660: "Saturday being appointed by his Majesty [Charles II.] to touch such as were troubled with the *Evil*, a great company of poor afflicted creatures were met together, many brought in chairs and flaskets, and being appointed by his Majesty to repair to the Banqueting House, his Majesty sat in a chair of state, where he stroked all that were brought to him, and then put about each of their necks a white ribbon, with an angel of gold upon it. In this manner his Majesty stroked above *six hundred;* and such was his princely patience and tenderness to the poor afflicted creatures, that, though it took up a very long time, his Majesty, *who is never weary of well-doing*, was pleased to make inquiry whether there were any more that had not yet been touched. After prayers were ended, the Duke of Buckingham brought a towel, and the Earl of Pembroke a bason and ewer, who, after they had made obeisance to his Majesty, kneeled down till his Majesty had washed.—*See 5th January.*

The surrender of *Minorca*, by General Blakeney, 1756.

Marshal Suchet seizes *Tarragona* by storm, 1811.

KING WILLIAM IV. (Paterni juris *Defensor*) is proclaimed by the heralds at the high places, and with the accustomed formalities, 1830.

Her eye proclaims her of the Briton line.

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XXIX. JUNE.

A fairer person lost not Heaven; he seem'd
For dignity compos'd, and high exploit:
But all was false and hollow; though his tongue
Dropt manna, and could make the worse appear
The better reason, to perplex and dash
Maturest counsels: for his thoughts were low
To vice industrious, but to nobler deeds
Tim'rous and slothful: yet he pleas'd the ear.—*Belial.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
III. Cal. 29.	Sir Henry Yelverton, 1566, *Islington.* Dr. Thomas Hyde, 1636, *Billingsley.* Peter Francis des Fontaines, 1685, *Rouen.* The amorous sound of a crow is strange and ridiculous; rooks, in the breeding season, attempt sometimes, in the gaiety of their hearts, to sing, but with no great success; the woodpecker sets up a loud and hearty laugh; the fern-owl serenades his mate with the clattering of castanets. *White.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* St. Peter, *Prince of the Apostles,* Martyr, A. D. 65. (*See English Church Calendar.*) St. Hemma, *Widow of Carinthia,* 1045.	St. Peter the Apostle, A. D. 65. *crucified, Via Ostia, Rome.* (Vatican.) St. Paul the Apostle, A. D. 65. *beheaded, Aquæ Salviæ, Rome.* King Offa (*of Mercia*), 794. *Banks of the Ouse.* Bishop (William) Aiscough, 1450. *murdered, Eddington.* Margaret Beaufort, *Countess of Richmond,* 1509. *Westminster Abbey.* General Gaspard de Tavannes, 1573. d. *Sully Castle.* Dr. Richard Lucas, 1715. *Abbey.* Marshal Florimond Merci, 1734. *killed, Parma.* Bishop (Zachary) Pearce, 1774. *Westminster Abbey.* Francesco Caraccioli, 1799. *executed, Naples Bay.* Valentine Green, 1813. died, *London.* David Williams, 1816. died, *London.*

Most small birds hop; but wagtails and larks walk, moving their legs alternately. Crows and daws swagger in their walk. *White of Selborne.*

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XXIX. JUNE.

What wonder in the sultry climes, that spread
Where Nile, redundant o'er his summer-bed,
From his broad bosom life and verdure flings,
And broods o'er Egypt with his wat'ry wings,
If, with advent'rous oar, and ready sail,
The dusky people drive before the gale;
Or on frail floats to neighbouring cities ride,
That rise and glitter o'er the ambient tide?—*Education.*

Arts.

St. Peter's Day is remarkable for the splendid illumination of St. Peter's Church at Rome. It presents, from the lantern, a panorama *bounded by the sea.* The martyrdom took place in the 12th year of *Nero.*

The Nile is sounded with the Nilometer at the Isle of Rodda, and the depths of the waters *proclaimed.* In 1762, they had reached the height of sixteen ells upon the 8th of August, when the dam of the canal at Cairo was cut through with the usual ceremonies. The standard is sixteen cubits long, and formerly was deposited in the temple of Serapis, at Alexandria, until the time of Theodosius, A. D. 392.

The sack of Rome, for fourteen days, under Genseric, the Vandal, terminates, 455. The spoils of *Jerusalem* were removed to Carthage.

The death of Offa, a powerful English king, 794. He corresponded, on flattering terms, with Charlemagne, and fixed a *seal* to his charters.

Ferdinand III. enters the city of *Cordova*, by capitulation, 1236.

Edward Bruce expels the English from *Galloway*, 1308.

Henry II. of France is wounded in the *eye* at a tournament, with the spear of the Count de Montgomery, 1559.—*See* 10*th July*.

Charles V. is declared *Emperor* by the Electoral voices, 1529.

The new *British* Seal is delivered to Chancellor Egerton, 1603.

The Globe theatre, "*the glory of the Bank,*" is burnt to the ground *by a peal of chambers* during the representation of Shakspeare's "King Henry VIII." upon St. Peter's day, 1613.—*See* 2*d July*.

Ferdinand of Gratz is crowned, by the unanimous consent of the States, King of Bohemia, 1617.

King Charles defeats Waller at Cropredy Bridge, 1644. Charles II. by patent grants to his brother, the Duke of York, the territory of the *Delaware State*, then called the New Netherlands, 1674. The battle of *Parma*, between the French and Imperialists, 1734. The *City Road* from Islington to Old Street is first opened upon this day, 1761.

The devil was sick, the devil a monk would be;
The devil was well, the devil a monk was he.

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XXX. JUNE.

Come, kinsman (said the little god),
Put off your wings; lay by your rod;
Retire with me to yonder bower,
And rest yourself for half an hour:
'Tis far indeed from hence to heav'n:
And you fly fast: and 'tis but seven.
We'll take one cooling cup of nectar;
And drink to this celestial Hector.—*Mercury.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Prid. Cal. 30.	Bonaventure Vulcanius, 1538, *Bruges.* John Wilson, 1780, *Lesmahago.*	Archbishop (Gawin), Dumbar, 1547. Cardinal Baronius, 1607. Alexander Brome, 1666. Archibald Campbell, 9th Earl of Argyll, 1685. *beheaded, Market Cross, Edinburgh.* Dr. Adam Littleton, 1694. *Chelsea.* Sir Thomas Pope Blount, 1697. *Ridge.* Dr. Thomas Edwards, 1785. d. *Nuneaton.* Richard Parker, *hanged*, 1797. *exposed, Isle of Shepey.* Victor Emanuel, (*of Sardinia*), 1821. d. *Cagliari.* Reverend Henry Kett, 1825. *drowned, Stanwell.* Clement Joseph Tissot, 1826. d. *Paris.* Colonel Dixon Denham, 1828.

When I see kings lying by those who deposed them, when I consider rival wits placed side by side, or the holy men who divided the world with their contentions, I reflect with sorrow and astonishment on the little factions of mankind. When I read the dates, of some that died yesterday, and some six hundred years ago, I consider that *great day* when we shall all of us be contemporaries, and make our appearance together.—*Addison.*

Obits *of the Latin Church.*

St. Paul, the Apostle, *Martyr at the Salvian Waters, Rome*, A. D. 65.

St. Martial, 1*st Bishop of Limoges*, 3rd Century.

Men laugh at the follies of themselves past, when they come suddenly to remembrance, except they bring with them any present dishonour.—*Hobbes.*

A patron who shall have defrauded his client shall be execrable.
Twelve Tables.

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XXX. JUNE.

So Virtue, given for lost,
Depress'd, and overthrown, as seem'd
Like that self-begotten bird
In the Arabian woods embost
That no second knows nor third,
And lay ere while a holocaust,
From out her ashy womb reflourishes;
And, though her body die, her fame survives
A secular bird ages of lives.—*Samson Agonistes.*

Acts.

THE Hyacinthia of three days were celebrated at Amyclæ, in the month Hecatombæon, to the memory of Hyacinthus, with games in honour of Apollo, who *cracked the crown* of his young pupil, by a powerful stroke of his quoit, aided (it is said) by a wicked puff of *Zephyrus.*

A Roman festival of dedication to *Hercules and the Muses.* A colossal statue was erected to "the bravest and the wisest Greek," B.C. 312, during the censorship of Appius Claudius, the blind, who built the celebrated Road. According to Dionysius, the club-bearer was the father of *Pallas,* by Launa, a daughter of *Evander.* Among the Sabines (his original worshippers in Italy) he was called Semo Sancus. The white poplar was dedicated to this laborious hero.—*See* 11*th August.*

Henry VIII. embarks with his forces at Dover for the invasion of France, appointing "his most dear consort, Queen Catharine, rectrix and governor of the realm," 1513.

A plague at Stratford in the year of the great poet's birth, 1564.

The victory under the walls of *Oudenarde,* on the Scheld, 1708. The Elector of Hanover (George II.), who fought with *Marlborough,* narrowly escaped: a ball struck down his horse, and Colonel Laschky was shot, at another time, dead by his side.

Evelyn notes: "I went with a select committee of the commissioners for GREENWICH HOSPITAL, and with *Sir Christopher Wren,* where with him I laid the first stone of the intended foundation, precisely at five o'clock in the evening, after we had dined together. Mr. Flamsteed, the King's astronomical professor, observing the punctual time by instruments," 1696. The subscriptions were £9046 13*s.* 4*d.* King William, with great munificence, placed his name on the list for £2,000.

It is now middle-winter at the Cape of Good Hope.

If in this I err, that I think the souls of men immortal, I err with pleasure; nor will ever, whilst I live, be forced out of an opinion with which I am so much delighted. *Cicero.*

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SUMMER.

With a matron grace.—*Burns.*

As Julia once a slumb'ring lay,
It chanc'd a bee did fly that way,
After a dew, or dew-like shower,
To tipple freely in a flower;
For some rich flower, he took the lip
Of Julia, and began to sip;
But when he felt he suck'd from thence
Honey, and in the quintessence;
He drank so much he scarce could stir;
So Julia took the pilferer:
And thus surpris'd, as filchers use,
He thus began himself t' excuse:
Sweet lady-flower! I never brought
Hither the least one thieving thought;
But taking those rare lips of yours
For some fresh, fragrant, luscious flowers,
I thought I might there take a taste,
Where so much syrup ran at waste:
Besides, know this, I never sting
The flow'r that gives me nourishing;
But with a kiss, or thanks, do pay
For honey that I bear away.
This said, he laid his little scrip
Of honey, 'fore her ladyship,
And told her, as some tears did fall,
That, that he took, and that was all.
At which she smil'd, and bade him go
And take his bag, but thus much know,
When next he came a pilfering so,
He should from her full lips derive
Honey enough to fill his hive.—*The Bee.*

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JULIUS.

Under the Protection of Jupiter.

Ut pariter nobis corpus cum sanguine crescit.—*Lucretius.*

THOU too, O Earth, great Rhea said, bring forth ;
And short shall be thy pangs : she said, and high
She rear'd her arm, and with her sceptre struck
The yawning cliff : from its disparted height
Adown the mount the gushing torrent ran,
And cheer'd the vallies : there the heavenly mother
Bath'd, mighty King, thy tender limbs : she wrapt them
In purple bands : she gave the precious pledge
To prudent Neda, and smiling she receiv'd thee.
Thee God, to Cnossus Neda brought : the nymphs
And Corybantes thee their sacred charge
Receiv'd : Adraste rock'd thy golden cradle :
The Goat, now bright amidst her fellow-stars,
Kind Amalthea, reach'd her teat distent
With milk, thy early food : the sedulous Bee
Distill'd her honey on thy purple lips.—*Callimachus.*

IN silent horror o'er the boundless waste
The driver, Hassan, with his camels past :
One cruise of water on his back he bore,
And his light scrip contain'd a scanty store.
The sultry sun had gain'd the middle sky,
And not a tree, and not an herb was nigh.
With desperate sorrow wild, th' affrighted man
Thrice sigh'd, thrice struck his breast, and thus began :
Ye mute companions of my toils, that bear
In all my griefs a more than equal share !
In vain ye hope the green delights to know,
Which plains more blest, or verdant vales, bestow :
Here rocks alone, and tasteless sands, are found,
And faint and sickly winds for ever howl around.
  Sad was the hour, and luckless was the day,
  When first from Schiraz' walls I bent my way !

The Camel-driver.

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JULY.

Making his way between the cup and golden diadem.---*Spenser.*

AWAKE, awake, my Lyre!
And tell thy silent master's humble tale,
In sounds that may prevail;
Sounds that gentle thoughts inspire:
Though so exalted she,
And I so lowly be,
Tell her, such different notes make all thy harmony.

Hark! how the strings awake:
And, though the moving hand approach not near,
Themselves with awful fear,
A kind of numerous trembling make.
Now all thy forces try,
Now all thy charms apply,
Revenge upon her ear the conquests of her eye.

Weak, Lyre! thy virtue sure
Is useless here, since thou art only found
To cure, but not to wound,
And she to wound, but not to cure.
Too weak too wilt thou prove
My passion to remove,
Physick to other ills, thou'rt nourishment to love.

Sleep, sleep again, my Lyre!
For thou can'st never tell my humble tale
In sounds that will prevail;
Nor gentle thoughts in her inspire:
All thy vain mirth lay by,
Bid thy strings silent lie,
Sleep, sleep again, my Lyre! and let thy master die.

David's Serenade.

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THE scentless and the scented *Rose*; this red,
And of an humbler growth, the other tall,
And throwing up into the darkest gloom
Of neighb'ring cypress, or more sable yew,
Her silver globes, light as the foamy surf,
That the wind severs from the broken wave:
The *Lilac*, various in array, now white,
Now sanguine, and her beauteous head now set
With purple spikes pyramidal, as if
Studious of ornament, yet unresolv'd
Which hue she most approv'd, she chose them all:
Copious of flowers the *Woodbine*, pale and wan,
But well compensating her sickly looks
With never-cloying odours, early and late;
Hypericum, all bloom, so thick a swarm
Of flow'rs, like flies clothing her slender rods,
That scarce a leaf appears; *Mezereon*, too,
Though leafless, well attir'd, and thick beset
With blushing wreaths, investing ev'ry spray;
Althæa, with the purple eye; the *Broom*,
Yellow and bright, as bullion unalloy'd,
Her blossoms; and luxuriant above all
The *Jasmine*, throwing wide her elegant sweets,
The deep dark green of whose unvarnish'd leaf
Makes more conspicuous, and illumines more
The bright profusion of her scattered stars.—
These have been, and these shall be in their Day.

The Court of Flora.

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I. JULY.

Atheist, forbear! no more blaspheme:
God has a thousand terrours in his name,
A thousand armies at command,
Waiting the signal of his hand,
And magazines of storm, and magazines of flame.
Sublime on thunder's rapid wings
He rides in arms along the sky,
And scatters fate on swains and kings;
And flocks, and herds, and nations die.—*Watts.*

Day.	Births.	Deaths.
Cal. 1.	Paulus Manutius, 1512, *Venice.* Bishop (Joseph) Hall, 1574, *Bristow Park, Leicestershire.* Louis Joseph, *Duke de Vendome*, 1654. Louis Cæsar, *Duke d' Estrées*, 1695. Jean Baptiste, *Comte de Rochambeau*, 1725, *Vendome.* Adam, Viscount Duncan, 1731, *Dundee, Angus-shire.* **Obits** *of the Latin Church.* Sts. Julius and Aaron, *British Martyrs at Caerleon*, c. 303. St. Thierri, *Abbot near Rheims*, d. 533. St. Calais, *Abbot in Maine*, 542. St. Gal, 1*st Bishop of Clermont*, c. 553. St. Cybar *of Perigord*, 581. St. Simeon, *the Foolish*, 6th Cent. St. Gal, 2*nd Bp. of Clermont*, 650. St. Leonorus, *of Wales*, Bishop. St. Rumbold, *Bishop and Martyr*, Patron of Mecklin, 775. St. Theobald (or Thibault), *of Brie*, 1066.	Edgar (*of England*), 975. *Glastonbury Abbey.* Bishop Mauger, 1212. died, *Ponthieu.* Pierre des Essars, 1413. *beheaded, Paris.* John Bradford, 1555. *burned, Smithfield.* *The Admirable* Crichton, 1582. *assassinated, Mantua.* Isaac Casaubon, 1614. *Westminster Abbey.* Nicholas Tufton, Earl of Thanet, 1632. *Raynham.* Archbishop (Oliver) Plunket, 1681. *executed, Tyburn.* Frederic, Duke Schomberg, 1690. *killed, Boyne.* (St. Patrick's.) Edward Lhuyd, 1709. died, *Oxford.* J. B. Nolin, 1762. d. *Paris.* John Brutus, 1762. d. *Paris.* Henry Fox, Lord Holland, 1774. William Huntingdon, 1813. d. *Tunbridge Wells.* Sir Thomas Bernard, 1818. d. *Leamington.*

No guilt, no frown from heaven disturbs his soul,
Calm as deep rivers in still evenings roll. *Blackmore.*

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I. JULY.

The year's increasing errors long appear,
Till Cæsar's happy skill reform'd the year;
Though high his station, honour'd as a god,
He on the calendar much pains bestow'd;
And as to heav'n he would by merit rise,
So went he not a stranger to the skies.—*Ovid.*

Acts.

THE MONTHS. The fifth Roman month (*Quintilis*), received its present dignified appellative from *Julius*, the Cæsar, by a posthumous act of the senate; for in this potent month he had his birth. It agrees with the first month, *Muharram*, of the Arabs and Turks; with the fifth moon, *Epiphi*, of the ancient Egyptian year; with the eleventh historical month, *Ab*, of the Jews; with the eleventh moon, *Behen*, of the Persians; with the eleventh moons, *Lous*, *Esthius*, and *Aphrodisius*, of the Syro-Macedonians, Paphians, and Bithynians; with the eleventh moons, *Hamlt*, *Abii*, and *Maryats*, of the Abyssinians, Copts, and Armenians; with the tenth solar month, *Tamus*, of the Syrians; with the second month, *Metagitnion*, of the Athenians; the eleventh, *Gorpæus*, of the Macedonians, and the seventh, *Panemus*, of their solar year. By the Germans and Hollanders it is named *Hooy* (in English *hay*) month.

The Anniversary of the death of *Aaron*, in Mount Hor, the first day of the month Ab, a century and twenty-three years old, B. C. 1452.

The Noumenia, were Grecian games observed at the commencement of every lunar month, or the *new moon*, in honour of all the gods, heroes, and dæmons; but especially of the great Apollo, surnamed *Neoménius*.

The Metagitnia was a festival in this month celebrating the virtues of Apollo *Metagitnius*, and kept by those inhabitants of Melite, who left their residences and settled in Attica; as the name implies, a removal *from* one *neighbourhood* to another. So in the Roman Calendar the calends of July was the legal or periodical day appointed for (as we say) *moving*; the "*migrationes in alienas ædes.*"

Vespasian is proclaimed at Alexandria, by the governor of Egypt (in opposition to Vitellius); which is the date of his *accession* to the Empire, B. C. 69. The general was then at Cæsarea, the capital of Judæa, where, two days later, he who had fought thirty battles on British ground, and reduced two powerful nations and twenty towns, with the Isle of *Wight*, under the yoke of Rome, was saluted by the legions.

Crichton's death is placed by Urquhart on the 27th Feb. at the *Carnival.*

Never reveal your secrets to any, except it be as much their interest to keep them, as it is yours they should be kept.—*Isocrates.*

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I. JULY.

In vain to deserts thy retreat is made;
The Muse attends thee to thy silent shade:
'Tis hers, the brave man's latest steps to trace,
Re-judge his acts, and dignify disgrace.
When interest calls off all her sneaking train,
And all th' obliged desert, and all the vain;
She waits, or to the scaffold, or the cell,
When the last lingering friend has bid farewell.—*Harley.*

Acts.

The crusaders under Richard Plantagenet and Philip de, Valois, amounting to 100,000 warriors and pilgrims, assemble in the plains of Vezelai, 1190. They separated on the last of the month at Lyons, the French king taking the road to Genoa, Richard that to Marseilles.

Louis IX. of France sails from Aigues Mortes upon his fatal crusade, against the infidels of Tunis in Africa, 1270.

Charles II. signs his charter incorporating "*The Governors of the Charity for the relief of poor Widows and Children of Clergymen,*" 1678; with license to possess any estate not exceeding the value of £2000. The governors, after the accession of Dr. Turner's noble donation, obtained an augmentation of the license to an income of £5000, dated 16th December 1714.

The great battle on the banks of the *Boyne*, in Kildare, 1690. James fled upon his discomfiture to France: Drogheda and Dublin surrendered. "And if King William be returning we may say of him as Cæsar said, '*Veni, vidi, vici;*' but, to alloy much of this, the French fleet rides in our channel (24th June, O. S.), ours not daring to interfere, and the enemy threatening to land." King William returned to England on the 15th of August, leaving Lord Sydney "Governor of what is conquered in Ireland, which is near three parts."

The town of *Athlone* on the Shannon is taken by storm under General Ginkell, afterwards Earl of Athlone, 1691. The celebrated Colonel Grace was governor.

Harley, Earl of Oxford, is acquitted by his peers, and released from his confinement (during two years) in the Tower, 1717. It was the signal for the retirement of this worthy steersman from public life.

Sir Eyre Coote defeats Hyder Ally, at Porto Novo, near Cuddalore, with a very unequal force. Upon the 27th of August he drove this powerful invader from all his posts, and from the field, after the hard contest of a day, 1781. Hyder was the father of the famed Tippoo Saheb.

A good name is the embalming of princes.—*King Charles I.*

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That it in golden letters should be set
Among the high tides, in the Calendar? *King John.*

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